Lebanon,

withdrawal

BEIRUT (R) - A senior Leb-

anese army officer is to visit Tun-

isia for talks with Palestinian lea-

ders on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, Prime Min-

ister Shafiq Al Wazzan said Fri-

Official sources said Brig. Nabil

Kuraitem would go to Tunis Fri-

Mr. Wazzan, speaking to rep-

orters before leaving for an int-

ernational seminar on rec-

onstruction in Zurich, said he

hoped to visit Tunisia but gave no

Israeli forces drove PLO com-

mandos from their bases in South

Lebanon and Beirut last year but

the Palestinians still have pos-itions in the north and east of the

fat there on Monday.

PLO, to

discuss

Japan may aid Beirut force

TOKYO (R) — Japan is studying a U.S. request that it share the cost of the international peace-keeping force in Lebanon and will probably discuss it with Secretary of State George Shultz next week, Foreign Ministry officials said Friday. Mr. Shultz, who arrives on Sunday for a four-day visit, made the request at a meeting with Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone in Washington earlier this month, the officials said. They declined to comment on a report by the Mainichi Shimbun newspaper that Japan would contribute \$20 million a year to the force, comprising 4,100 U.S., French and Italian soldiers.

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#### Soviets brief U.N. on Cosmos 1402

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The Soviet Union has told the United Nations that the nuclear fuel core of its Cosmos 1402 spy satellite will burn up completely on entering the earth's atmosphere between Feb. 3 and 8. In a note made public Friday, Moscow also officially notified Secretary General
Javier Perez de Cuellar that the main part of the satellite entered the atmosphere over the central area of the Indian Ocean at 1.10 a.m. Moscow time last Monday (2210 GMT Sunday) and "ended its existence." The four-ton Cos-mos 1402, launched last Aug. 30 to track shipping, began to drop out of orbit earlier this month. The Soviet Union gave the U.N. details about the spacecraft under the terms of an international convention on the registration of ohjects lamched into outer space.

#### Reagan asks Vietnam for news about missing POWs

WASHINGTON (R)—President Reagan asked Vietnam Friday for more news of Americans still listed as missing in the Indochina war, to end what he called the unspeakable anguish of their families. Washington estimates that 2,494 servicemen, most of whom served in Vietnam and others in Laos, are missing, and believes some are still alive as prisoners of war. White House National Security Adviser William Clark Thursday told the families that Hanor's alleged withholding of information about the men was "brutally cruel and unfair". The families gathered Thursday on the 10th anniversary of the Paris peace accords signed by the United States and Vietnam formally ending the war in which 57,939 Americans died. Vietnam has returned the remains of a number of Americans, but successive administrations since the U.S. hdrew from Indochina in 1973 have said the Hanoi government has not done enough.

#### France to deploy new squadron . of missiles

PARIS (R) — French Defence Minister Charles Hernu Friday declared operational a second squadron of advanced thermonuclear missiles at a ceremony in southern France where they are deployed, ministry officials said. The nine new missiles, known as 5-3S, are each equipped with a one-megaton warhead and have a range of more than 3,000 kilometres, the officials said. The French S-3S form part of the force which the Soviet Union recently suggested should be a factor in calculating European missile reductions at U.S.-Soviet disarmament talks in Geneva. Both French President François Mitterrand and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher firmly rejected the principle if Moscow offer to Washington to reduce the number of Soviet nuclear missiles pointed at Europe to the combined number of French and Briush missiles.

#### 5 Japanese parties to demand Tanaka's

TOKYO (R) — Five opposition parties Friday agreed in principle to demand the resignation from parliament of former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka for his alleged role in the Lockheed bribery said. The move follows the demand made on Wednesday by the public prosecutor for a five-year jail sentence for Mr. Tanaka, 64, main defendant at the six-year-old trial. Verdicts are not expected until October. Mr. Tanaka has pleaded not guilty to charges of taking a 500 million yen (\$2.1 million) bribe from Lockheed during his term of office to try to perstrade Japan's all Nippon Airways to buy aircraft from the American company. Secretary-generals of the five opposition parties are expected to meet Saturday to formalise Friday night's accord and discuss ways to strengthen their position against Mr. Tanaka, who is still considered Japan's most influential politician.

### 30 feared killed by car bomb

# Huge explosion rocks Shtoura

BEIRUT (R) — Up to 30 people were feared the headquarters of one of Beikilled by a car bomb explosion in the town of Shtoura in east Lebanon Friday, according to casualty estimates reported by state radio.

The radio said estimates of the death toll in the Syrian and Palestinian-controlled town ran-

ged from six to 30. The blast demolished a threestorey building on the road leading north out of Shtoura, it said. Syrian troops immediately hiocked the main Beirut-Damascus Highway, which runs through Shtoura, as fire engines raced to the scene.

#### Tanzania tries 27 soldiers for attempted coup

DAR ES SALAAM (R) - A group of 27 soldiers and civilians appeared in court in Tanzania Friday charged with attempting to overthrow the government, Radio Tanzania said. The radio, quoting Inspector General of Police Solomon Liani, said the accused were remanded in custody to appear in court again at a future unspecified date: Mr. Liani said investigations in connection with the case were

The radio said the building had been sued by "a number of non-Lebanese armed groups.'

Unconfirmed reports by radio stations close to Lebanon's main Christian militia said the building had been a Palestinian commando

beadquarters. A mysterious anti-Palestinian and ann-Syrian organisation called the Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners claimed responsibility for the attack in a telephone call to a news agency in

It is not known who is behind the group, which has claimed res-ponsibility for a series of car bomb attacks against Palestinian and Syrian targets in Lebanon over the

State television later reported artillery duels in the mountains between Shtoura and Beirut, an area torn in recent months by cla-shes between Christian and Druze armed groups.

The Front for the Liberation of

Lebanon from Foreigners also claimed responsibility for an exp-losion Friday in a building next to

# Republicans ask Reagan, Bush to run for next term

WASHINGTON (R) - The Republican Party's national committee Friday formally called on President Reagan and Vice-President George Bush to run gain in 1984, a move aimed at heading off any potential cha-llenge from other Republicans to

rut's main left-wing Muslim org-

But another telephone caller

said the Beirut attack, which cau-

sed no casualties, was carried out

by a group named "the Forces of

the Cedars," a previously unk-

was a warning to Murabitoun lea-

der Ibrahim Koleilat and his fol-

lowers to leave Beirut per-

his time in Europe since the eva-cuation of his Palestinian com-

mando allies from Beirut last year,

but Murabitoun radio said he was

in his office at the time of Friday's

Mr. Koleilat has spent much of

The caller said the explosion

anisations, the Murabitoun.

nown organisation.

The committee also elected Senator Paul Laxalt of Nevada, a close Reagan ally, to the newlycreated post of party general chairman and a Laxalt protege, Frank

re-election, Mr. Laxalt said he

Mr. Reagan would contest next

Friday's party leadership shift.

Friday at the end of his term.

Mr. Laxalt, 60, a conservative former governor of Nevada, is a close friend and adviser of Mr. Reagan and acts as his means of liaison with right-wing Republicans in Congress.

The United States had pro-

tested about several occasions on

which Israeli troops tried to push

past U.S. Marine checkpoints on

the edge of Beirut. The Israelis

countered with a series of acc-

usations that commandos mou-

nting attacks on Israeli troops

were taking refuge behind the

The embassy said a good und-

erstanding was reached on pre-

venting further incidents, but dec-

BEIRUT (R) - U.S. diplomats them command of the Israeli lined to give details.

U.S. lines.

and military officers met Israeli army, Maj.-Gen. Amir Drori.

# King to address European Parliament later this year

BRUSSELS (Agencies) - His . added. Majesty King Hussein is to address a plenary session of the European Parliament, probably later this year.

A spokesman for parliamentary speaker Piet Dankert said this was agreed at a meeting between King Hussein and Mr. Dankert in Brussels Friday.

King Hussein is on the third day of a visit to Belgium, where he has day and that Mr. Wazzan might meet Palestine Liberation Org-anisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arahad talks with European Community and Belgian leaders on latest Middle East peace developments.

In his talks with Mr. Dankert, he repeated his view expressed in discussions here Thursday, that early progress was needed in Middle East peace moves as the sil-

uation remained critical. Diplomats said King Hussein ees Washington playing the central role in Middle East peace diplomacy. He was more likely to urge further pressure on the United States to maintain its interest in Middle East peace than make a dramatic appeal, diplomats said. No exact date was fixed for the

King's visit.
The spokesman for Mr. Dankert said the visit would be preceded by a mission to Jordan and Egypt by a team of European members of parliament at the end

of March or in early April. The head of the mission, Belgian Liberal Luc Beyer de Ryke. will also he visiting Syria, he

On Thursday official talks hetween the Jordanian delegation headed by His Majesty King Hussein and the Belgian delegation headed by Prime Minister Wil-

fried Martens began here.
The talks dealt with relations between the two countries and ways to develop them, particularly in economic, trade and social fie-

The delegations also discussed the economic and technical cooperation agreement concluded between the two countries in 1976

and ways to establish joint projects by the private sectors of the two countries. The two delegations also discussed the current international situation and made a comprehensive review of the latest developments in the Middle East

a just and durable solution of the Palestinian issue. King Hussein explained the results of his recent visits to several countries as part of his efforts to save Palestinian lands and

and the efforts being made to find

They also reviewed the role which Belgium could play within the EEC group to achieve just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

Attending the talks from the Jordanian side were the Royal Court chief, the foreign minister, the president of the National Pla-

nning Council, and the Jordanian ambassador to Belgium.

Attending from the Belgian side were the foreign minister, the foreign trade minister, a number of high-ranking officials and the Belgian ambassador to Jordan.

King Hussein received at his residence in Brussels later Thursday President of the European Economic Community (EEC) Gaston Thorn. They discussed relations between Jordan and the EEC and ways of developing these relations for the benefit of the two

Mr. Thorn expressed the EEC support of the king's efforts and endeavours to achieve just and durable peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Martens Thursday hosted a banquet in honour of King Hussein and Oueen Noor. In a speech on the occasion Mr. Martens praised hilateral nes between Jordan and Belgium and reiterated Belgian support to Jordan's development plans.

Mr. Martens also praised Jordan's foreign policy and pledged support for the implementation of the Venice Declaration.

King Hussein, in his reply, exp-ressed thanks for Belgian support of Arab causes and called for continued support for current Arab efforts for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Full text of King's speech on page 2

# King Hassan, Mitterrand leave for Marrakesh

RABAT (R) - French President lear plants to Morocco. and train for the southern Moroccan city of Marrakesh to spend two days devoted to political talks and colourful ceremonial.

Rural towns on the route were preparing a welcome for the French leader, who arrived in Morocco Thursday.

He said Thursday night he would find time for "profound conversations without bustle" during his stay and indicated he and the king would discuss Chad, Namibia, the Western Sahara, the Gulf war, the Middle East and bilateral relations.

Mr. Mitterrand is accompanied by six cabinet ministers who discussed economic cooperation projects, many with French aid.

In Marrakesh Saturday, he is due to meet political leaders and give a news conference before attending the opening of a dam at Ait Chouarat in the Atlas Mountains. After spending Sunday on a private visit, he returns to Paris that

Earlier in Rabat, President Mitready in principle to supply nuc- of total imports.

Francois Mitterrand left Rabat "France is at the disposal of its Friday with King Hassau by car friends since it abides by intemational rules which you recognise as we do," the president told King Hassan at a banquet Thursday night on the first day of his official visit to Morocco.

> Last November. Morneco committed itself to ... rules of the International Awim. Energy Agency and the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

President Mitterrand said supplying French nuclear plants to Morocco would present no major problem. "Studies can be made. We can go by stages and take your interests into consideration."

King Hassan told a French radio interviewer this week Morocco would ask France to supply nuc-

He said the plants could be fuelled with uranium extracted from Moroccan phosphates reserves which were enough to last

Morocco has only very small oil deposits and spent 5.6 billion dirhams (nearly \$1 billion) on crude terrand said France would be oil imports in 1981, or one quarter

## accepted the general chairman's post only on the assumption that

the incumbents,

Fahrenkopf, as regular party cha-

Although the President has not announced whether he will seek

tucius hetween Israeli troops and

U.S. Marines serving with a pea-

cekeeping force in Beirut, the U.S.

The embassy said the United

States asked for the meeting.

which took place "in the Beirut

area" and brought together U.S.

special envoy Morris Draper,

Marines commander Col. Thomas

Stokes, and the head of the nor-

embassy said.

year's election. Neither Mr. Laxalt nor Mr.

Fahrenkopf faced opposition in

Outgoing Chairman Richard Richards, whose insistence on Independence for the party organisation had caused friction with some White House aides, retired

## Sharon visits Beirut

TELAVIV (R) -- Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon visited Beirut Thursday and held talks with Christian leaders and the command of the Falangist forces there. Israeli newspapers reported Fri-

They said he also called on the widow of assassinated President

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line..... octween the

Marine command and the Israeli

local command to deal with any

also agreed that a disused rai-

iway line round Beirut should be

the dividing line between U.S. and

But a company of U.S. Marines

stationed beyond the railway line

in the Science Faculty of the Leb-

Israeli areas of operation.

The sources said the two sides

future incident.

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Bashir Gemayel and laid a wreath at his grave.

Both afternoon papers carried separate interviews with Mr. Sharon. They reported him as saying he would prefer to see both Israeli and Syrian early-warning stations in southern Lebanon than no Israeli station there.

anese University of Beirut would

remain with the full agreement of

There are 1,200 U.S. Marines in

Beirut serving with some 3,000

French and Italian soldiers in a

civilian population and assisting

the Lebanese army in restoring

The force was sent last Sep-

tember after Lebanese Christian

milinamen massacred hundreds of

civilians in Palestinian refugee

government authority.

camps in Beirut.

force charged with protecting the

the Israelis, the sources added.

# Indian cabinet offers to resign

NEW DELHI (R) - Indian ministers have offered to resign to let Prime Minister Indira Gandhi reshuffle her cabinet and sort out problems in her Congress (I) Party, sources the party said

The sources had conflicting information, however, about how many ministers were involved. Mrs. Gandhi, asked hy rep-

orters Friday whether she would make cahinet changes, replied: "1 do not know. I cannot announce it to you."

The Congress (1) image has been tarnished by in-fighting in several states and by heavy defeats in elections this month in its two former southern strongholds, the states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

The party faces important local elections in Delhi and the northeast next month.

Indian political commentators have forecast that Mrs. Gandhi would try to give both government ' and party a new look in time for the polling.

She has already begun overhauling the party, appointing Congress veteran Kamlapati Tripathi to assist her in her function as party chief.

and India hosts the Non-Aligned summit in March.

#### Mubarak stresses Egypt's efforts for Mideast peace WASHINGTON (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told prehensive peace would dim unispects of persuading Jordan to

U.S., Israel agree to stop harassment of Marines

committed to the search for Middle East peace and to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel. We are all reassured in terms

of President Mubarak's commitment to the peace process. We are also reassured that in the long run there will be a good, solid, steady relationship between Egypt and Israel," Julius Berman, one of 37 Jewish leaders who met the Egyptian leader, told reporters afterwards.

But Osama Al Baz, one of the president's leading foreign policy advisers, said prospects for a com-

ess progress were made "in the U.S. Jewish leaders Friday he was coming few months, before the summer

> Mr. Baz also told ABC news that Israel must halt settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip before talks could resume on self-rule for Palestinians living

> "Without achieving that freeze on settlements nobody, especially the Palestinians, could believe the Israelis are willing to live in peace," he said. "There would be nothing to negotiate for the Palestinians if the settlements policy continues.

He said there were good pro-

join negotiations on the future of the Israeli-occupied territories 'hut he needs some encouragement' from Israel and the United States.

"Israel should be more responsive because Jordan cannot get into the negotiations, taking all the risks, if the situation is not promising," he added.

But he said Mr. Mubarak, in his meeting with Mr. Reagan at the White House Thursday, had tal-ked in terms of U.S. "influence and persuasion rather than sheer pressure" on Israel.

He said Mr. Mubarak did not not say so publicly.

raise the possibility of cutting U.S. military and economic aid to Israel because "this is up to the United States.

Mr. Berman, head of the conference of presidents of major American Jewish Organisations, said Mr. Mubarak told the Jewish leaders he was sure Israelis were not susceptible to pressure but hoped the United States could convince Israel to change its pol-

He said Mr. Mubarak also told them he believed all other Arab government leaders wanted peace with Israel even though they could

The commentators did not expect her to replace key ministers like finance or foreign affairs, because the budget is due next months

# Solidarity leaders include strikes in post-martial law programme

WARSAW (R) — Underground leaders of the banned Solidarity trade union have committed themselves to further struggle and preparations for a possible general strike in a post-martial law pro-

the present dictatorship". But while calling for "deep reforms in the country's social, economic and political life", it also said these must be carried out gradually and not disturb the balance of power in Europe — a reference

iet Union. The Polish government, which suspended martial law in December after dissolving the indsaid it reckons on a struggle lasting years against opposition forces.

tinuing opposition, boycotts and local protests and the ultimate weapon of a general strike, contrasted with the more compromising approach of Lech Walesa, the Solidarity chairman released from internment in Nov-

month: "I don't want to topple the authorities, but ... to fight for the cause of the working world."

The programme, made available to the Western press through underground sources, said action taken under it would ensure that "the authorities stay in a pol-

when strikes will again become a strong and real weapon, and when

ependent Solidarity union, has a decision to use force against striking workers will pose a serious threat to the existence of the dictatorship itself." "In order to force the aut-

horities in Poland into making concessions, to create conditions where reform is possible, we must resume activities aimed at the downfall of the present dictatorship," it said. The five signatories of the pro-

gramme, dated Jan. 22, were Zbigniew Bujak of Warsaw, Bogdan Lis of Gdansk, Wladyslaw. Hardek of Krakow, Jozef Pinior of Wroclaw and Eugeniusz Szu-

They said they could not contemplate compromise with the authorities at present. "Any readiness to make concessions would today be interpreted as a sign of weakness and contribute to the continuation of the repressive sys-

tem," they said. The authorities have made clear they have no intention of neg-

otiating with the underground · leaders, and have sought to isolate them and belittle the importance of their movement.

The essential reforms set out in the programme were included in the programme agreed at the Solidarity congress of 1981.

They included control by the people over the authorities, a more independent judiciary, real sharing of the fruits of production with workers and "culture, education and mass media which rea-

lly serve the people". But the statement added: "Poland's geopolitical situation dictates the reforms be carried out gradually, without weakening the basic balance of power in Eur-

It said the "alliances concluded

by Poland should not justify the existence of dictatorial gov-



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resignation

scandal, parliamentary sources

Italy faces row over alleged sacking of ENI ex-chairman ROME (R) - A political row ENI and Saudi Arabia in 1979.

ex-prime minister hinted that its chairman may have been fired because he was probing a scandal involving oil purchases from Saudi Arabia.

The government announced on

Tuesday that Umberto Colombo had resigned after three months as ENI chairman. It was the sixth change of leadership at the powerful group in four years. Mr. Colombo said in an interview published Friday by the Rome newspaper Paese Sera that

he had been sacked in a political

dispute over top management. appointments. At the same time, Giulio Andreotti, a Christian Democrat who headed several governments in the 1960s and 1970s, expressed his suspicions about the real reason for Mr. Colombo's departure in a letter to Prime Minister Ami-

"I hope Mr. Colombo was not

sacked because he contributed to

taking the lid off the murky bus-

iness surrounding the ENI-

Petronin affair," Mr. Andreotti

said in a reference to alleged kic-

kback payments in a deal between Donna to the ENI board.

ntore Fanfani.

erupted Friday over the state energy corporation ENI after an denied Mr. Andreotti's sug-A spokesman for Mr. Fanfani

When the 1979 affair broke, the

then chairman of ENI, Giorgio Mazzanti, was suspended from his

post and later said that extra cash payments had been necessary to secure the oil-supply deal. Press reports originally sugested part of the money went to Italian politicians but later allegations were made that it went to

Petromin, the Saudi state oil com-The spokesman for the Christian Democratic prime minister said Friday the scandal had played no part in Mr. Colombo's departure. But the statement appeared to do nothing to aliay political tensions.

mounting between the Socialists and Christian Democrats in the coalition government as a result of Mr. Colombo squabbled with Mr. De Michelis throughout the three months of his chairmanship

because he opposed the nom-

ination of Socialist Leonardo Di

Officials said tension was also

gramme made available Friday. The programme, signed by five members of a self-styled provisional coordinating commission of former top Solidarity officials in hiding, says society has no choice but to struggle "for the downfall of

to Poland's alliance with the Sov-

The programme based on con-

ember. Mr. Walesa declared last

itical vacuum".

It declared: "The time is coming

ope.

# King urges Belgium to support Arab efforts for Mideast peace

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has called on Belgium to continue its support for Arab causes and back current Arab efforts to achieve a just and com-. prehensive peace in the Middle East.

icial visit to Belgium, was speaking 21 a banquet Thursday hosted by Beigium Prime Minister Wilfried Martens, in honour of the King and Her Majesty Queen Noor. The King also raised "the con-

structive role" played by Belgium in search of peace in the Middle Following is the full text of King. Hussein's speech:

distinguished guests

it pleases me on behalf of Queen Noor and myself, and on behalf of the Jordanian delegation, to express our appreciation for this opportunity of visiting your beautiful and friendly country.

We were very delighted to meet Their Majesties King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola, and are moved by their warmth and hospitality, and deeply proud of our

the state visit of Their Majesties in

estralia, India, (Petra photo).

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King Hussein, who is on an off-our country in 1964. Their Majesties captured our hearts through their dignity, bumility, and genuine interest and concern for peo-

> Queen Noor joins me in looking forward to the privilege of reciprocating Their Majesties' gracious hospitality in Jordan before

ple, peace, and human dignity and -

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the

Regent. Thursday received the credentials of six newly appointed

ambassadors to Jordan. They were: Richard Kelt of Australia. Pyare

Lai Santoshi of India, Phibly Sessoo of Guinea, Noor Adlan Ibn-

Yahya of Malaysia, Sovat Naboyata of Thailand, and Mobammad

I appreciate your kind words regarding my person and Jordan's continuous search for a just peace in the Middle East.

As you correctly noted, the area. we live in has witnessed a prolonged period of human suffering. the continuation of which, unfortunately and unnecessarily, pre-

The last 35 years saw a multhe establishment of a just and durable peace, and may I add, through no fault of ours.

I will not dwell, Excellency, on Jordan's perseverance in the search for an equitable settlement search for peace in the Middle that accommodates the legitimate East. aspirations, rights, and concerns of all the parties to the tragic con-

Suffice it to note that we have cooperated with all efforts aimed at achieving a just. comprehensive, and durable peace in the Middle East based on the full implementation of Security Council Resolution 242 of November 1967 with its clear equation of total withdrawal for total peace. For such peace to prevail and endure, the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people must obviously be recognised and acc-

Within this context, we wel-. comed the European community Venice Declaration of June 198 as a positive contribution, and cooperated with the Thorn and Van der Klaw missions.

In the continuing search for this noble goal of peace. Jordan and the rest of the Arab World, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation, formulated a joint stand and agreed on a realistic framework for peace in the area. nitude of missed opportunines for based on United Nations res-

new ambassadors present credentials

is Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Thursday receives credentials of the newly appointed ambassadors of (clockwise)

The Kingdom . Belgium has played a constructive role in the

In this respect, and in recognition of the important position your country rightly occupies in Europe, we call on you, as a friend, to continue to support our efforts and be our partner in our dedicated search for the establishment of a just and comprehensive peace in our area, and for a better future for all mankind.

The Arab position is compatible with the Venice statement and the degree of mutual understanding which exists between us is truly

I hardly need to mention that our region's conditions have a direct bearing on the welfare, stability, and security of Europe, and in the world in general.

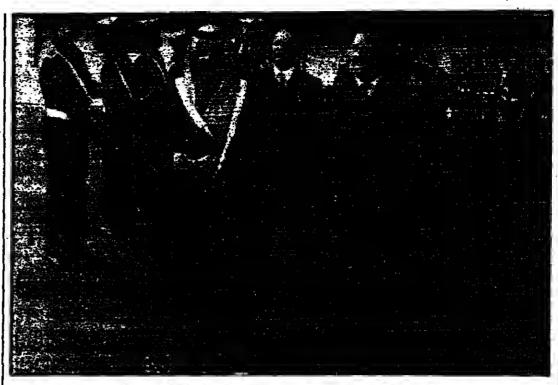
The presentation of credentials ceremony was attended by Court

Minister Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn

Zaid, Acting Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim and officials of the

You referred in your statement to the good relations which happily exist between our two countries. We are pleased too with their steady progress and consolidation in many fields and areas, we are desirous of accelerating the pace of our cooperation in the times to come.

There are many opportunities in Jordan for sound commercial investment and we hope that your nationals and corporations will join us in achieving further, mutually beneficial, cooperation.



The Bahraini heir apparent, Sheikh Hammad Ibn Issa Al Khalifah, is seen off Thursday by His Royal

Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent. (Petra

#### Sheikh Hammad leaves after visit

AMMAN (Petra) - The Bahraini heir-apparent, Sheikh Hammad Ibn Issa Al Khalifah, left Amman Thursday at the end of a private visit to Inrdan which lasted several days. During the visit. Sheikh Hammad met with His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Has-

Sheikh Khalifah was seen off at the airport by Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, and a number

of high-ranking officials.
On Thursday, Sheikh Hammad, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Bahraini armed forces, visited the Jordanian Armed Forces General Command. He was met by Jordanian Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief LL-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibu Shaker, Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb and senior army officers.

### Construction sector to hold meeting

**ECWA** 

experts

end visit

AMMAN (Petra) - U.N. Eco-

nomic Commission for Western

Asia (ECWA) experts Mohammad Abdul Wahab and George

Al Osais Thursday ended a week

The two experts delivered a ser-

ies of lectures in a course on adv-

anced methods of conducting fam-

ily surveys held in Amman under

the supervision of the Baghdad-

based Arab Institute for Statistical

Research and Training, in coo-

peration with the Department of

Statistics in Jordan. Taking part in

the course are employees of var-

ious statistics departments in the

Arab World.

long official visit to Jordan.

AMMAN (Petra) - A meeting of people working in the construction industry will be held Sarurday at the Amman Chamber of Industry to discuss ways of developing this sector. The construction sector is one of the biggest in Jordan since there are some 20 shareholding construction -companies investing about JD 145 million in construction.

Invitations to fairs

The chamber has also received invitations to participate in three international fairs in West Germany and one in Bahrain. During the first and second fairs, to open in Cologne simultaneously on Feb. 27, various types of readymade clothes will be exhibited.

The fourth fair, which will be

beld in Bahrain, will exhibit var-

ious types of industrial products.

The chamber has circulated the

invitations to its members inviting

their participation in these fairs.

Incentives

concludes

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on

employee incentives, organised by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS)

in cooperation with the Kuwaiti

Institute for Scientific Research.

seminar

at RSS

constructions of infrastructure." At the four-day third exhibition, which will open in Fra-Main Korean contracts in Jordan are the building of the Wadi nkfurt on March 22, sanitary, cen-Arab and King Talal dams, a heatral heating and cooling equipment will be displayed. Ith spa in Ma'an and few commercial buildings.

Referring to Korean labourers in Jordan, Mr. Gong said, that they are mostly technicians, engineers and skilled workers. The number of Korean labourers fluctuates depending on the size of work, he said. "This year's sta-Korean labourers in Jordan while last year there were 1,900 wor-

"Promotion of political and

trade relations between Jordan

and South Korea are not our only

targets," be said. "To contribute

to the economical trend of the

Jordanian government, we are try-

ing to promote our economic ope-

rations in Jordan such as in public

works and participating in the

He added that "strict enforcement of Korean labour regulations and observing certain standards of the welfare and utilising the personnel in efficient management along with certain Jordanian policies of labour entry are the elements that sometimes limit the number of Korean labourers in Jordan."

"Our government does not have any specific number-wise limits but has to exercise certain restrictions regarding efficiency, Mr. Gong clarified.

### for just solution to Palestine problem accordance with the general eco-

nomic situation,

By Afffah A. Kaloti Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - South Korean intcrests in the Middle East are based on a sincere desire to find an everlasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, a high-ranking Korean official said Thursday.

South Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Ro-Myung Gong, who left Amman Friday after a threeday visit, added: "We hope that there will be some sort of a settlement and an everlasting stability that can be firmly reached."

He added the Palestinian question should be solved in a just manner and in this respect Korea supports the position of Jordan in the Middle East, he said. "We support United Nations Resolution 242 and we recognise the Palestinian legitimate right," he

"The main aim of my visit to Jordan is to explore my government's approach in support of Arab causes in the international forum, to explore ways and means of our friendly relations, and to observe as well as orientate myself in the region," Mr.: Gong told the Jordan Times.

Mr. Gong, who, during his visit, held talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Acting Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim, Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Industry and Trade Minister Walid Asfour and several senior officials, described the talks as being always he relatively competitive in

"successful and fruitful." "After meeting with several

South Korea expresses keen desire

senior officials, I could say that my visit was successful in enhancing and strengthening the two cou-ntries' bilateral relations and fruitful in the sense that it gave me a personal chance to get acquainted with Jordan and the region," Mr. Gong said.

Mr. Gong said that the volume of trade between Jordan and South Korea is almost \$50 million. But, he added, "trade is recognised as one-way traffic."

We are trying very hard to compensate the one-way traffic by promoting the purchases of Jordanian products to be used in other countries and areas," he

Phosphates, he added, are needed in fertiliser products in Korea but "we have to wait sometime to diversify our source of supply." Enumerating trade items exp-

orted to Jordan, he gave precedence to textiles. "Textiles have been leading industry since the sixties and now we have other leading industries such as ship-building electronics and electrical appliances," Mr. Gong said. Steel products needed in public

works, electrical items, leather, particularly foot-wear, and cars are the other trade items to Jordan, be added.

Korean prices, be pointed out, are competitive all over the world. He added that their prices will

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Dr. Qourah said the conference

called on Iraq and Iran to stop the

North Yemen.

AMMAN (Petra) - Chairman of ieties to continue their aid to vic- Red Cross (ICRC) to intensify its

was concluded here Thursday. The three-day seminar dealt with a number of topics, particularly material needs, job security and self-fulfilment at work, efforts to apply the 1949 third and the aim of the seminar was to Geneva agreement on prisoners of raise the efficiency of the 25 parwar to the Iran-Iraq war by both icipants, according to the RSS. seeking to obtain lists of those

RSS Director-General Albert Butros, addressing the par-ticipants, called on them to make odshed." It also appealed to the mission for visiting them to get International Committee of the acquainted with their conditions. good use of what they have leamed in the seminar, Dr. Butros also handed over certificates of attendance to the participants, who included 11 persons from the Kuwaiti institute.

### 3,000 housing units planned near new airport AMMAN (Petra) - The Housing in Jordan based on functional

war "in order to spare further blo- imprisoned and granting per-

Corporation has completed plans needs for satisfying housing reqfor an integrated housing project comprising 3,000 units in the Queen Alia International Airport neighbourhood, the corporation's director-general, Hamdullah Al Nabulsi, said Thursday.

Celebrating the allocation of housing units of the Prince Talal Ibn Mohammad Housing Project in the Yajouz area, Mr. Nabulsi said the corporation is outlining a comprehensive housing strategy

uirements stipulated by gov-ernment officials. He called for close cooperation among residents of housing projects to ens-ure a "rich social life based on national characteristics."

The detached housing units distributed Thursday numbered 102, each costing JD 7,250, which will be repaid by the residents through monthly instalments of JD 41 per

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# Sharif returns

AMMAN (Petra) — Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Kamel Al Sharif returned to Amman Friday after attending the eighth session of the International Higher Council of Mosques held in Mecca. Mr. Sharif said the council dis-

cussed the conditions of the world's Muslim minorities and adopted several resolutions to establish Islamic centres and institutes in different parts of the world. He said the council also discussed Muslim-Christian dialogue and reaffirmed the rules which should govern these talks in the future. Mr. Sharif also said that the

# from Mecca

council discussed current political issues such as the Palestinian. Lebanese and Afghanistan issues as well as the "cultural challenge posed to Muslims, particularly by the Zionist movement."

#### Red Crescent officials back from Manama the Jordanian National Committee of Red Crescent Society Ahmad Abu Qourah and Exe-

cutive Committee member Muwaffaq Al Zu'bi returned to Amman Wednesday after par-ticipating in the 14th conference of the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies concluded in Manama, Bahrain. Dr. Abu Qourah told the Jor-

danian News Agency, Petra, that the conference decided to assist the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Lebanese Red Cross Society to help victims of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. He added that the conference

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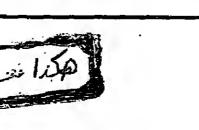
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#### By David Marsh

PARIS - In the early bours of Sept. 10, a rather unorthodox gearbox in a highly inconvenient place - 200 kilometres up in the equatorial night sky over the Atianticand travelling at 7 kilometres a second -suddenly decided to

stage a protest strike.
The gearbox was running a turbo-pump turning at 61,000 revolutions per minute pumping liquid hydrogen and oxygen, at temperatures varying between-250 degrees C and 800 degrees C. into the third stage of the Eur-

opean space rocket Ariane.

The gears ran perfectly for four mantes eight seconds. Then, fatally, the turbine speed dropped by two-thirds. Just 14 minutes after blast off from French Guiana on what was supposed to be the rocket's first operational flight, \$50 million-plus worth of sophisticated machinery and electronies -- including two gleaming new satellites planned to have been put into orbit -- plunged ung-

racefully into the ocean. The failure was one of the most dramatic blows so far to Europe's French-led hopes of competing with the U.S. in the commercial exploitation of space.

More than prestige is at stake. All-seeing American and Soviet 'spy" satellites now girdling the earth form the "high ground" from which, military planners believe, will be decided the outcome

Europe stumbles in space race to catch up with America of any armed confrontation between the super-powers.

In the same way, the civil telecommunications and TV satellites planned by many countries over the next few years also represent strategic assault points. They form the key to the commercial and cultural wars which will be waged among nations in the rapidly-growing electronic media and information business.

The issue of who has jurisdiction over messages and images beamed from space has already divided the U.N. and intemational telecommunications organisations. On the industrial side, the battle is not only among specialised aerospace and electronics companies in the U.S. and Europe, but also among the host of media, publishing and com-puter concerns linked up to the ground networks of future sat-

After the Atiane crash - its second in five launches so far the U.S. space agency NASA sent a telegram of condolence to the European Space Agency (ESA), the 11-nation group which co-ordinates Europe's space act-

The Americans can afford to be magnanimous. For not only in launches with the space shuttle and conventional rockets, but also in the crucial business of making

satellites for both home and export markets, the U.S. is well

The Americans' natural lead in space has lengthened by rivalries and feuding in Europe. The competition centres on France, which aims to use its dominant position in the European space race as a key economic tool to help boost high technoloby industries.

Widespread plans for television cabling in Britain, West Germany and France, being pushed actively by all three governments, go hand in hand with the satellite industry. Television satellites of the sort which all three countries (and sev-

eral other European nations) are planning can be used to beam programmes down either directly to households equipped with dish aerials or to relay stations from which the message can be sent to homes by cable.

Some satellite plans, in both industrial countries and the Third World, have been put back by the recession and technical hitches.

However, M. Jean-Pierre Chevenement, the French research and industry minister, who can always be relied upon to enthuse over new technoloby, bas spoken of 500 civil satellites encircling the globe during the 1990s, of which 40 will be for direct TV

Networkds enabling

ephone communications and images to be received on the same terminal will "transform one of the fundamental elements of our

Underlining the nationalistic sentiments at stake, he adds that French companies need to be present in the new markets to help preserve "the French life, culture and language."

ESA officials joke that Ariane, 60 per cent of whose \$1 billion development costs have been put up by France, is labelled a French rocket in the Paris Press when it goes up, and a European one when it comes down.

-- and accidents are inevitable in the early stages of any unmanned rocket programme -- Ariane is unmistakeably a pan-European The same unity is not apparent

Yet whatever its mishaps so far

up into separate groupings com-peting against each other. This has given the American satellite companies - particularly the world leader, Hughes -- more or less free rein in the world mar-

in satellite-making. European manufacturers and users are split

Whatever the dreams about winning big orders abroad from Third World countries, European companies so far have clinched

computer-stored information, tel- just one external communications offering export guarantees, for satellite order. This war was for the Arab League's satellite, Arabsat, won by Aerospatiale of Fra-

nce. Anf even this was in cooperation with Ford Aerospace of There are plenty of voices calling for greater European unity. The man who might be called Europe's Mr. Space is Professor

Hubert Curien, president of France's national space agency CNES and also chairman of the Council of ESA--two jobs which, because of almost constant sparring between the organisations, require a deplomat's talent to combine.

"Europe undoubtedly has too great a diversity in satellite product lines," he says. One of his priorities, he adds, is to try to bring all words and no action. The Gerabout more "cohesion" among the competing families of satellite

Herr Jobannes Schubert, head of the space division of Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Blohm, Germany's leading space com-pany, says that EEC companies bidding for satellite orders on the world market are in the same unfavourable position compared with the U.S. as European aircraft companies were vis-a-vis Boeing before the Airbus consortium was founded.

He calls for greater government help to boost satellite orders -

instance, as in the case of the Air-

At British Aerospace, Mr. Colin Wearmouth, in charge of business development at the space and communications division, also says that European satellite industries will have to come together into "effective teams."

erful combination.

The French and Germans dec-

ided to split off from the ESA gro-

uping in direct TV satellites at the

end of the 1970s because they felt

that the agency was too lumbering

The Germans in particular att-ack ESA's rival L-SAT TV sat-

ellite scheme as costly and ine-

fficient. "It is a wonderful tec-

hnological toy — but not exp-ortable," sneers one industrialist.

A German ministry official in

Bonn charges that ESA is "slow"

in reacting to commercial pos-sibilities and has insufficient con-

ESA says it is aware that its job

is not to commercialise satellites

but to prompt industry to do so, at

a pan-European level. Meanwhile, back at the sharpest

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and bureaucratic an animal.

ESA itself has been greatly irritated in the past by Franco-German efforts to go it alone in commercial satellites. M. Alain Pinglier, in charge of the agency's telecommunications missions, says that Europe may be at the bottom of the curve" in satellite co-operation. "We may now be on the way up," he says.

However, up to now it has been mans, infected by the French enthusiasm for national satellites, are planning a new advanced telecommunications satellite project on which the final decision will be

taken in the spring.
Partly to provide domestic jobs. this looks likely to be built by a mainly German consortium led by Simens and Messerschmitt which will add one more to Europe's fragmented "family" of satellite makers.

For a mixture of political and commercial reasons, there is also considerable rivalry among potential satellite users.

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The next Ariane launch, orjginally planned for last Newember but now not expected at least until 📆 April, will be of "capital impecommunications, ESA finds itsortance," says Herr Kinus Iseelf not only the natural target for rland, deputy director general at attacks from CNES but also from Arianespace, the commercial orgthe French Post Office - a powanisation, owned mainly by the French, set up to market Ariane

> The overall cost of the delay is put at around \$30 million -- chicken-feed compared with the

amounts at stake. Arianespace itself has firm ord- dst ers worth about \$500 million for ne satellite launches in the mid- to 1980s. Since the September fai- is. lure, both Mexico and Australia have booked the Space Shuttle res rather than Ariane for future lau-ol-

Arianespace held a pre-ay sentation in Washington in Nov- an ember for U.S. clients -- including ?" such giants as General Telephone and Electric, Western Union and Southern Pacific -- to explain the rocket's crash. "They gave us a rough time," admits Herr Ise-

ket. Ariane planners are trying to assess the commercial damage The only tangible result of the setback so far. Arianespace feels. caused by the rocket's September is the Mexican decision. But it knows that no more orders will be Since then, the U.S. Space Shusigned until the next Ariane has ttle has made its first operational rocketed safely up into the sky. launch -- putting two com-

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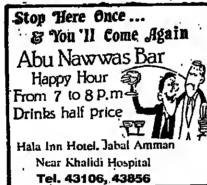
















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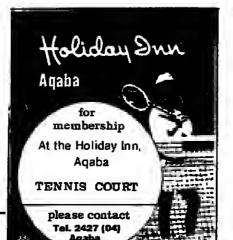
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# GUEST COMMENTARY restrating the Reagan plan

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policy of colonisation in the West Bank. Everything that Mr. Begin's government has done since the Reagan Plan was published has demonstrated his determination by all the means at his disposal, including the use of the Zionist lobby tn manipulate American opininn, to frustrate Mr. Reagan's intention and to establish in the West Bank an Israeli presence so substantial as to appear immovable. With this aim clearly - indeed, explicitly - in view, Mr. Begin has deceived Mr. Reagan with a contempt which he has done nothing to hide. In the campaign which preceded his re-election in 1981 ttn give only the most glaring example: Mr. Begin annnunced that the creation of the 10 more Jewish settlements would conclude his programme of colonisation in the West Bank. Since that undertaking was given, 70 more such settlements have been established and the Israeli aim is now to double the Jewish population of the West Bank by the end of his year. Significantly, there has been no decrease - on the contrary, a slight increase - in the American economic aid to Israel out of which the construction of these settlements is financed.

Vir. Begin's present intentions are crystal clear, By endlessly stalling over the talks which are supposed to lead to Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon. he hupes in defer any discussion of the Reagan Plan and especially any consideration of the mere idea of an eventual Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. If he can succeed in delaying events until midsummer, when the 1984 election campaign will get under way in the United States, he knows he will be home and dry.

Mr. Reagan must know this too, and so must the governments of Western Europe, although they seem to have given up the attempt to make their views heard. What they should all realise in addition is that Mr. Begin's success will mean, not just the failure of the Reagan Plan, but the collapse of any prospect of peace in the Middle East for a generation. Unless this, with all the dangers which it entails for the West, is what they want, they should stop talking about the Zionist lobby and dn som-

-- Middle East International, London

### JOF L-HISARABICPRESS EDITORIALS

Al Paris i hararak adopts tough stand in Washington

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otiations on the proposed self-rule for the Palestinians in the occupied territories, pending the Reagan initiative's outcome, and the re-assessment of a common Arab pol-itical effort with Palestinian participation.

4. Belief in the necessity of an overall withdrawal of all

foreign troops from Lebanon. 5. Concentration of efforts at bringing about a genuine international effort for ending of the Iraq-Iran war. 6. The need for the U.S. administration to give up its attitude of backing "Israeli superiority" regarding Amenean aid extended to Egypt, and the needs of the other

states in the region.

7. A principled stand not to make any concessions regarding the Taba issue, and insistence on the return of the area to Egyptian sovereignty through peaceful means.

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occupied Arab territories in conjunction with all Arab countries on the basis of mutual understanding.

Col. Qadhafi's statement, backed by the Syrian regime, is a blatant attempt at dividing the Palestinian, and is in full compliance with the two regimes efforts to erect obsracles aimed at impeding an overall Arab solidarity. The two sides undisguised alliance with the Iranian enemy against Iraq and the Arab Nation has aroused anger and dismay in Arab countries. We still hope, despite the establishment of a Libyan-

Syrian-Iranian alliance that the good elements in our nation will triumph, and check the dangerous course of those who collaborate with the Arabs' enemies and their expansionist and hegemonistic ambitions.

# World Political Language

By Tareq Masarweh Al Ra'i Columnier

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the islands, and failed to win. The visit is simply an outcome of the war and the military British vic-

The Argentine language in no way differs from the defeatist Arab terminology. We make a big out the U.S. as the only good-will fuss whenever the phrase "normalisation of relations" occurs with regard to the U.S .-Lebanese-Israeli negotiations on. Lebanon. We definitely do not hesitate to use the same terms insult" and "humiliating" in our fussing. But we nonchalantly express our satisfaction if phrases like "ending the state of war", or "considering security, economic cooperation and the free movement of people" are used instead. Then we "courageously" accept the principle of leaving Lebanon. We accept to face the Israeli tank single-handed, and we close our eves to the Israeli occupation of Lebanese soil for seven months without the least scruple on our side of being "humiliated" or

"insulted". Moreover, we also "courageously accept the degrading Arab reaction to the U.S. stand which gave the green light to the Israeli

invasion of Lebanon, and, nonetheless, granted Israel nothing but a reward of \$400 million for the financing of the Israeli campaign against Lebanon. Then, happy as happy can be, we single mediator for solving the Lebanese "problem".

It is not easy to comprehend the political language of the Third. World if we do not see imo Third World's politics, and the mentality of the makers of their policies and decisions. In a country like Argentina, ruled by a military regime that has failed to solve the socioeconomic problems of their country, there is only one way to cover up for the failure -- a military adventure behind which the people's emotions can be mobilised. no matter what the consequences are. Such an unbalanced formula manipulated by the Argentine government in dealing with the Argentine people is hoped to give

the same effect, if, abroad. The political Third World language is so colourful, rich and probably musical, but it comes out of totally paralysed organisms.

Turkish constitution sharply criticised

Move to expel Turkey from the Council of Europe

By Peter Gumbel

STRASBOURG, FRANCE -Turkey's new constitution, aimed : at restoring elected government and approved overwhelmingly in a national referendum two months ago, faces a major international

test in Strasbourg this week. A resolution before the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly sharply crinicises the constitution, which is backed by the Ankara military government, saying it does not adequately guarantee human rights and basic freedoms. The resolution, tables by the Council's key political affairs committee of ministers.

Assembly sources said that, if approved, the motion would amount to a vote of no confidence and could lead to Turkey being ousted from the 2t-nation body.

The Council was set up after World War II and aims to promote human rights and parliamentary democracy in Europe. Turkey has remained a member of the executive committee although its delegates have not taken their seats in the assembly since September 1980, when General Kenan Evren swept to power in a military

Any move to expel Turkey or force it to withdraw from the Council could have far-reaching consequences on Turkey's relations with Western Europe and would probably enrage Ankara, the assembly sources said. Turkey considers that membership of the Council lends it international prestige and recognition as a demoeratic part of Europe, they said.

But assembly support for a tough stance with the military government has been boosted by committee, calls on Turkey to concern that the constitution may renounce voluntarily its voting fail to meet two basic requirerights in the Council's executive ments of council membership -respect for human rights and partiamentary democracy.

This was despite a national referendum last November which showed 92 per cent of the Turkish voters supported the constitution. The political affairs committee's resolution was largely influenced by the opinion of three independent legal experts who carried out a thorough examination of the constitution, the sources said.

Ambiguity

The sources said all three experts had concluded that the constitution as such could not be termed anti-democratic. But they expressed considerable reservation about clauses dealing with the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of speech and association. These were found to be often ambiguous and open to abuse, the sources said.

Provisions for independence of the courts, freedom to form political parties and rights of former public figures were considered to be too vague. The experts criticised in particular the apparently wide-ranging powers bestowed on the executive under General Evren without any other control, the sources said.

The sources said that on the strength of the conclusions, the political affairs committee drew up the resolution which is considered to be an appropriate interim solution to avoid prejudging the outcome of investigations into alleged human rights

Five Council members ---

alleged abuses with the Council's key was unlikely to agree to the road to democracy, resolution as it would amount to a partial admission of guilt. The Ankara government has

February, just after the end of the forthcoming parliamentary session, to reply to the charges. If the commission finds any basis in the complaints it could order further investigations. This could seriit to withdraw from the Council altogether rather than face being put in the dock at the European court of human rights, the sources

In the late 1960s Greece, then under military rule, withdrew from the Council for five years following a similar inquiry. Next week's debate is expected to be off financial aid to Turkey after long and heated. Supporters of the 1980 coup and are expected to Turkey, mainly conservatives, in watch closely developments in the the 170-member assembly, are Council of Europe, to which they campaigning hard for rejection of

been given until the beginning of

France. Sweden. Norway. They say outright disapproval Denmark and the Netherlands -- of the written constitution, whose lodged complaints about the practical effects are only slowly becoming apparent, would strike a commission of human rights last blow at Western Europe's efforts July. Assembly sources said Tur- to encourage Turkey along the

They cite comments by General Evren to a visiting all-party assembly delegation last year that his military government was committed to restoring democracy and civilian rule. But many parliamentarians, particularly those from nations such as Portugal Spain and Greece which have experienced periods of military ously embarrass Turkey and force rule, are pressing for a tough stance, the sources said.

> Diplomats say Ankara's possible withdrawal, forced or vnluntary, from the Council could have wide repercussions in Western Europe and even within the North Atlantic alliance. The European Community's 10 member states, for example, cut all belong. So far West Germany alone has restored financial ties.



# Black majority excluded in new legislature

By David Reid

CAPE TOWN -- South Africa is preparing for its most important constitutional changes since union in 1910 and a parliamentary session opening bere on Friday, Jan. 28 could be its last all-white legislature.

A package of measures due for early tabling in the House of Assembly will lay down the legal framework for Prime Minister P.W. Botha's plans for a threechamber parliament representing whites, coloureds (mixed race) and Asians under an executive president with wide powers.

· But unrepresented in the new deal are South Africa's 21 million blacks, who make up more than 70 per cent of the population. Opponents of the plan say their absence is a fatal flaw which could precipitate violent confrontation.

Mr. Botha, 67, bas had to perform a delicate tightrope act in drawing up the reform plans. He has tried simultaneously to satisfy non-whites and to contain a threat to his own ruling National Party from right wingers who see any form of power-sharing as the first step towards black majority

domination. The most optimistic analysts expect the new deal to be in place by the end of the year and to be in. operation in early 1984. How things go in parliament will doubtless be the deciding factor.

Dr. Jan Grobler, chief information officer of the ruling National Party (NP), said in an interview that the point had been reached when South Africa was moving away from racial discrimination as far as possible. For many years, be added, South Africa had been the world's most controversial, most abused and

But we in the NP believe that South Africa will also be the first country to find a solution to the problem of establishing barmonious cooperation in a multinational community," he said.

"South Africa is today prepared to take its place in the ranks of good nations, of the world," Dr. Grobler added. But Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, head of six million Zulus and the most influential black voice inside South Africa, has said it would be idle and foolish to believe the NP plans would alter South Africa's image of being the pariah of the Western world.

Chief Buthelezi has denounced a decision by the congress of the Coloured Labour Party to take part in the new system while still urging inclusion of the blacks. He said the Labour Party was joining what he termed a political monstrosity, adding that events would prove blacks could never follow its example.

White hegemony

Chief Buthelezi is not alone in regarding Mr. Botha's plans as being aimed at prolonging white hegemony and winning the support of coloureds and Asians to the detriment of blacks.

The issue has caused further splits in already divided coloured and Indian communities and has led to serious heart-searching by the official parliamentary opposition, the liberal, anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party (PFP).

Like the Labour Party, the South African Indian Council (SAIC), which is generally regarded as in unrepresentative body, bas set conditions for its support-including a future share

for blacks - and has called for a cheque in advance. referendum among the \$00,000strong Indian community on the

More radical Indian organisations, such as the reform Party, bave so far indicated outright opposition. The Labour and Indian Reform parties are partners with Chief Buthelezi's Inthaka Black Nationalist Consciousness Movement -- which claims 350,000 members - in the so-called Black Alliance.

A special alliance meeting has been called in Durban on Feb. 18 and 19 to discuss the situation caused by the labour decision and future strategy.

Draft bills to implement the proposals have not yet been made public. In any case, parliament must refer them to a select committee on constitutional affairs to allow all interested parties to air their views before legislation is drafted. Constitutional Development

Minister Chris Heunis said in a recent interview it would be idle to speculate at this stage on a date for elections to the coloured and Asian chambers of the proposed tricameral parliament. Some reports had put the target date as early as next October.

Mr. Heunis declined comment on reports that there would be no elections for the two communities before the current House of Assembly term ended in 1986 and that Mr. Botha, anxious to get his plan off the ground as soon as possible, envisaged nomination of non-white members of parliament as an interim measure.

Opposition PFP leader Freparty would take part throughout in the bargaining process on the in the Middle East". reform plan, adding that the government could not expect a blank spokesmen praise the Reagan

The PFP's main objection has been the exclusion of blacks but Mr. Slabbert has also expressed serious misgivings about the opposition's role in the new system, which critics complain is the first week of a new session.

beavily weighted in favour of the ruling National Party.

Mr. Slabbert is likely to develop his objections in the debate on an opposition no-confidence motion which is the traditional feature of

## FRG's Middle East policy unlikely to change

is unlikely to change significantly in the near future, despite uncertainties posed by federal elections Kohl and President Karstens scheduled for March 6. The new CDU/CSU-FDP coalition headed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl has the same foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher (FDP). as its predecessor, and for the first half of 1983 West Germany holds the rotating presidency of the European Community, enabling the West German foreign minister to speak on behalf of Europe in

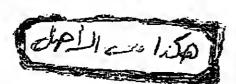
political matters. Nonetheless, the new government's policy reflects a certain difference in emphasis on the Middle East. Chancellor Kohl has taken steps to strengthen links with Israrel, a move predicted for the party which under Konrad Adenauer negotiated massive reparations payments to Israel in the wake of the Holocaust. CDU spokesmen assert that the Bonn-Washington axis is the principal frame of reference for the CDU and that Bon will not participate in any Middle East initiatives that could put it cross-wise derik Van Zvl Slabbert said his | with Washington. "The only government able to influence events

At the same time as government

West German Middle East policy Sept. 1 initiative and see "convergence" with Washington on the Middle East, both Chancetlor made public reference during Egyptian President Mubarak's visit to Boan in mid-December to West Germany's Middle East policy being based on the EC's Venice Declaration of June 1980, which called for Palestinian selfdetermination and PLO "association" with peace negotiations.

> The March 6 elections could see the disappearance of the Free Democrats as an independent party if they fail to obtain the 5 per cent of the vote required for representation in the Bundesrag. In that event, there would be a new foreign minister, perbaps from the CDU/CSU if it wins an absolute majority, or possibly even from the SPD, should the CDU/CSU gain only a plurality and be forced to make a "grand coalition" with the SPD in order to avoid a minority government. (The "Greens" refuse to take part in governing and would in any event be unacceptable to the CDU/CSU as a coalition partner).

-- Centre for Middle East Policy



# China's birth control laws lead to female infanticide

PEKING - China's tough birth control laws combined with a tradkional preference for sons are leading some parents to commit infanticide or deliberately to mutiiate baby giris.

Recent official press reports have highlighted the problem, which has apparently become so serious that Premier Zhao Ziyang felt it necessary last month to call for harsh measures against peas-ants who kill unwanted daughters at buth.

For thousands of years the birth of a son to carry on the family line has been cause for celebration in Chinese families, which are strongly patrilineal.

Daughters, on the other hand, were regarded as a financial burden. That prejudice lingers but in the past couples could at least keep trying until they had a boy. Now, as China struggles to keep its billion-plus population from reaching catastrophic prop-

ortions, it has introduced the

world's toughest hirth control

regulations to limit most couples to only one child. If that child turns out to be a daughter, it is for many parents a tragedy, for, apart from just wantmg a male heir, most Chinese peasants even today view a son as stiff penalties. their old-age pension, an insur-

ance policy for the future. A son traditionally stays in the family home, bringing his wife to after his, not her, aging parents. Old couples with no sons run the risk of being abandoned to live ont

their days alone and uncared for. The government has to an extent solved this problem in the cities, where proper pensions are paid. But in the countryside, home fields and in public lavatories.

It echoed a warning made to of 800 million people, there are usually no such benefits and old people just carry on working the

Details of one case of parents trying to overcome what they see as this tragedy emerged recently in the Tianjin Daily, the official newspaper in a northern port city near Peking.

The newspaper said that a father bit off part of the nose of his eight-month-old daughter so he could try again for a son under regulations permitting a couple to have a second child if their first was deformed.

It did not name the parents or say how the man was punished but it used the case to denounce the traditional preference for a male

"If the previous generation to this father had been similarly prejudiced against girls, then his entire generation would have ended up bachelors," it said.

"It is not easy to stamp out several hundred years of feudai thinking of preferring boys to girls... but this kind of wicked misdeed by a father can under no circumstances be tolerated," the

newspaper said. Authorities are cracking down on cases of infanticide by imposing

A 26-year-old man was jailed for 13 years for smothering his two-month-old daughter and tossing her body into a well because live there and together they look he had wanted a son, the national Guangming Daily reported.

In another report the newspaper said baby girls in Yangcheng area of Jiangsu province, north of Shanghai, had recently been found dumped on bridges, in

It echoed a warning made two months ago in China Youth News, organ of the 48-million-strong Communist Youth League, that in some rural districts the murder of girl bahies was so widespread that three out of every five surviving infants were boys.

"If this pelmomenon is not stopped quickly, then in 20 years time a serious social problem may arise, namely that a large number of young men will not be able to find wives," Youth News said. Last year an official report said

a hospital in northeast China was giving foetal sex tests to expectant mothers - and carrying out abortions for those who did not want a

Some mothers of girls also suffer because ignorant and irate husbands maltreat them for not producing a boy.

There have been at least two

cases recently of "unworthy" wives being driven to suicide after having girls. One woman killed herself by taking poison offered to her by her husband.

Under China's new constitution, all couples have a legal obligation to practise birth con-

The country clearly has little alternative. There were 1,008 million Chinese at the end of July. when the latest census was taken. The total is growing each year by some 14 million and China has set itself a limit of 1.2 billion by the end of the century.

If it achieves that target - and Chinese demographers say this will be difficult -- it will have a minimum of an extra 200 million mouths to feed over the next 17 years, almost as much as the popu-



China Youth News reported that in some rural areas, due to female infanticide, three out of every five surviving children are boys

# Church of England urges unilateral nuclear disarmament

By Malcolm Davidson Reuser

LONDON - A controversial Church of England report advocating that Britain should unilaterally abandon lts independent nuclear deterrent is likely to put the church back in firing line when the issue comes up for debate soon.

In the past year, Britain's established church has faced repeated criticism, largely from the right wing of the ruling Conservative Party. Apart from the nuclear issue, there has been criticism over service commemorating the dead of the Falklands conflict and peace

over suggestions for deleting some of the more robust nationalism from the national anthem.

The report from a church working party, to be debated by the . governing general synod on Feh. 10. coincides with a big resurgence in Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) and growing anti-nuclear movements in Europe and the United States.

Both the report, The Church And the Bomb, and CND have been strongly criticised by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who says nuclear weapons are essential to Britain's security and that a unilateralist policy would threaten.

From being a fringe matter only a few years ago, the nuclear debate has moved centre stage and could be one of the major issues in the general election Mrs. Thatcher must call before May

The opposition Labour Party has made unilateral disarmament a major plank of its policy, while political commentators say the Conservative leadership now believes that defeating the anti-nuclear movement is the most important joh facing the new defence secretary, Michael Hesel-

Now the Church of England must decide where it is to stand in the national dehate. The Dean of St. Paul's cathedral in London. Alan Webster, told Reuters he believed the church working party's report would be the most important issue to come before the synod meeting.

Its central recommendation is that Britain should renounce its independent nuclear deterrent in the hope of encouraging multilateral disarmament by other nations. While not arguing that Britain should leave NATO, It -says the country should try to breathe new life into the nuclear non-proliferation treaty by adopting unilateralism.

had always advocated disarmament but the report had focused attention on the issue.

He said the Anglican church was impressed by the stand taken by American Catholic bishops that nuclear deterrence is immoral. When the church report was published in October, it was criticised by some Conservative memhers of parliament, while Mrs. Thatcher said it was unrealis-

Conservative member of Parliament Winston Churchill said Mr. Webster said the church face of the great majority of chur- weapons, I believe that their pos- Falklands war.

But an opinion poll among clerymen conducted for a television station showed 66 per cent thought nuclear weapons immoral and 40 per cent thought Britain's deterrent should be ahandoned. There are many synod mem-

bers, however, who oppose unilateralism, including the Bishop of London, Dr. Graham Leonard, who is expected to speak at the dehate in favour of multilateral disarmament instead. Giving a lecture in London in unilateralism was "directly in coh- November, he said: "While rectrast to the democratic wishes of ognising the utterly appalling the British people and flying in the prospect of the use of nuclear

session and use can be morally acceptable as a way of exercising our moral responsibility in a fallen world."

The church's leading clergyman, the Archhisbop of Canterbury, entered the dehate last month when he condemned the time and money Britain was spending on building up its "lunatic" puclear arsenal.

In the past, the archhishop, Dr. Robert Runcie, has advocated multilateral disarmament. His comments drew criticism from Conservatives as did his stand earlier in the year over the service commemorating the dead of the

Mrs. Thatcher had wanted the service at St. Paul's cathedral to stress thanksgiving for the lib-eration of the islands, but both Dr. Runcie and Mr. Webster resisted

Dr. Runcie's sermon, in which be spoke of the mourning on both sides of the conflict that followed Argentina's invasion of the Falklands, was said to have upset Mrs. Thatcher and angered others in her party.

But Mr. Webster said the service had been largely well accepted, particularly by the bereaved. He said be was glad the church was being criticised for taking a stand on public issues.

# U.S. doctors find more weapons to fight 'flu viruses this winter'

Doctors in medical clinics across America are confronting the 1982-83 winter season's influenza assault armed with more knowledge than ever about the behaviour of influenza viruses which cause the disease commonly called flu (an acute, extremely contagious virus disease which can affect the victim's respiratory system and gastro-intestinal tract and go on to cause further serious complications).

Three major types of influenza virus (A, B and C) have been plaguing humankind for years. Types B and C are far less threatening than influenza A, which has been known to sweep across the whole world, causing millions of cases of flu and many thousands of deaths. The 1918 flu epidemic killed millions throughout the world.

Initial response to the coming winter onslaught of the disease is a programme of widespread vac-

cinations against potentially seri- longer-lasting immunity than premedical research toward eventual elimination of fin include:

ous infection throughout the United States. Other promising advances that have been made in

-- The development of synthetic drugs that have been found effective in the prevention and treatment of epidemic-type flu; Laboratory progress toward

developing a live-virus vaccine that it is hoped will provide

sent flu virus vaccines now do:

 Continuing research that has uncovered much about the pbysical form and behaviour of flu viruses that may lead to the solution of the puzzle of the viruses' ebb and flow through the human population.

Înfluenza viruses infect large numbers of people every year, but in unpredictable patterns in terms of how they will strike and what

types of viruses will be involved. Doctors at the University College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, are conducting some of the most intensive continuing studies ever done into the factors involved in the flu's periodic invasions.

Research studies have now shown which flu viruses are most likely to cause next year's flu epidemic, which allows doctors to take adequate early vaccination

ticularly rapid progress in drawing chemical and genetic portraits of flu viruses. Doctors have found that the flu virus, especially influenza A, can change its identity ahruptly so that immunity against one flu variety offers little or no protection against the other. This variability has been found to result from the unusual packaging of the genetic material inside each virus particle. There is even some

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Scientists have also made par- evidence suggesting that human flu viruses may hide out in animals and birds and reinfect the human population at a later time -- the swine flu of 1976 appeared to be a close relative of a virus common in

> Doctors at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York believe that the ahrupt identity changes of the influenza virus might someday be used to develop strains of the disease whose infec-

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tion would be harmless, like the live-virus vaccines used to fight other diseases. Such new virus strains might replace or change the more dangerous, unpre-dictable viruses that have always afflicted humankind. Ultimately, doctors believe, this type of strategy might eliminate flu entirely.

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# Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m.

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AMMAN (J.T.) - The Jor-

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The match is part of the Jor-danian national team's pre-

parations for the Los Angeles

Olympics qualification rounds to be held this year.

WOLVERHAMPTON, England

(R) - Britain's Sebastian Coe is

ready to shrug off a cold to make

his return to the track at an indoor

athletics meeting near here on

It will be Coe's first race since

defeat in the European Championship 800 metres final in

Athens last September hrought

Coe, the reigning Olympic

1,500 metre champion and 800

metre world record holder who is

due to compete in a 3,000 metres

at Cosford, said Friday: "It looks for the moment as if I shall be

Willi Hoffman met Rummenigge

in a restaurant here, will keep the 27-year-old striker at Bayern until

Rummenigge, twice voted European Footballer of the Year, has

frequently mentioned his desire to

play in Italy this season, but den-

ied suggestions that he did so to

"I feel in my element here," he

improve his terms with Bayern.

his injury hit season to an end.

Seb Coe

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# Injury-hit Tottenham fight

LONDON (R) —Injury-hit Tottenham will be fighting to keep their season alive when they meet West Bromwich in Saturday's fourth round of the English Football Association (F.A.) Soccer Cup.

Having been hundled out of the European Cup Winners' Cup by West Germany's Bayern Munich last November, Tottenham crashed out of the English League Cup last week and have slipped to exactly halfway in the first div-

Now the F.A. Cup represents Tottenham's only chance of lifting any silverware this season, and if they do so, they will become the. first side this century to win the trophy three times in succession.

But Tottenham's bid to enter the history books is being plagued by a series of injuries, which has left them without Mike Hazard Hoddle for Saturday's match—one of five all first division ties.

for English F.A. Cup survival

dropped Scottish international striker Steve Archibald for the first time since he arrived from Aberdeen more than two years ago and has recalled Garth Crooks to

But Argentine Ossie Ardiles has recovered from a shoulder injury and is down to play. West Bromwich striker Cyrille Regis, who fractured a cheekbone last week, is replaced by Nicky Ross. Fears that Aston Villa's bloody

clash with Barcelona in the European Supercup final on Wednesday would leave them depleted for the visit of second division neighbours Wolverhamption have not materialised and their only injury worry is Gary Shaw, who is division club.

and England midfielder Glenn having treatment for a hamstring

Dennis Mortimer and Mark Manager Keith Burkinshaw has Jones, who both missed Wednesday's match, are also doubtful

> Lowly first division side Luton may recall leading scorer Brian Stein, who has been out for seven weeks with a broken bone in his right foot, for the visit of secondplaced Manchester United.

> And Ipswich internationals John Wark and Terry Butcher are both battling to get fit for the clash with second division Grimsby, who include former Ipswich striker Trevor Whymark in their line

Whymark, who spent 10 years at Portman Road and scored 74 goals in 260 League Games. is now player-coach with the second

# England, New Zealand face injury problems for World Series match

New Zealand both face injury worries to key players as their teams prepare for Saturday's crucial triangular World Series oneday match here.

England's main fitness worry is lan Botham who has a strained side and was only able to bowl two overs in England's 98-run victory over Australia in Sydney on Wed-

Potham did not bowl in the nets Friday but England manager Doug Insole said he was confident the Somerest all-rounder would be able to play.

New Zealand captain Geoff Howarth underwent an extensive fitness test Friday and will consider using pain killers Saturday. Howarth has been suffering

nesday. Friday and Sunday.

domestic flights in the U.S.A.

and was forced to leave the field in the match against Australia last Saturday

He said after practice Friday he was optimistic about playing but would wait to the last minute before making a decision.

Howarth said New Zealand would play the same side who beat Australia by 58 runs in Melbourne.

Howarth also paid tribute to the England side, saying they were the team he feared most.

"England's experience in one-day cricket is beginning to show through. They play this type of game we, they re a very cool side." he said. "We have a little more respect for them at the moment.

"Australia seem to rely on their

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ADELAIDE (R) - England and from a pinched nerve in his back bowlers to make the breakthrough and they just haven't been doing this in the last couple of matches.'

> England and New Zealand are equal with six points, although New Zealand have a game in hand over England who have played seven games.

#### Rummenigge to stay with Bayern

MUNICH, West Germany (R) -Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, West Germany's World Soccer Cup captain, has ended speculation that the was about to move to Italy by agreeing to extend his present contract with Bayern Munich by

The extension, finalised Thursday night when club president

by MEA

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said Thursday night. "I am glad that that all this commotion about me is over." Hoffmann added: "Our future looks a lot clearer. Now we can

concentrate on the last stages of the Bundesliga (soccer league) and the European Cup Winners'

Club officials said the extension included assurances of commercial contracts for Rummenigge when his playing career ended. Sources said Rummenigge earned at least 400,000 marks (\$164,000) a year with Bayern

# The champ ends his royal progress

By Frank Keating

A NEW sporting argument springs from the traps with Bjorn Borg's retirement: was the deadpan Swede the greatest-ever plaver of lawn tennis since Major Clopton-Wingfield first "invented" the game in 1869?

On balance, I would think he was: considering the steady upward graph outlined by per-formances in solo track and field events due, I suppose, to more technical study, more social and financial incentive, more dedication, a sharper appreciation of such presumed necessities as psy-chology and diet.

In terms of greatness-while Muhammad Ali made no bones about reminding you of it-the likes of Nicklaus, Bradman and Piggott have only to point to the record books and then rest their case. The same with Borg who won Wimbledon-still generally accepted as the world championship--an unprecedented five times, and laid waste most serious tournaments he entered, though the fact that he was never victorious in the U.S. Open must have rankled as he packed his racquets for the last time on Sunday before waddling away with that rolling, bowlegged cabin boy's

Mind you, the hlank-faced long-nosed ferret with the stony. concentration and the irrerrievable top-spin pass was by no means the greatest interviewee. A few years ago in Dallas he cou-. rteously granted me a whole day. with him. Up at dawn, I watched him practise for two hours. Twenty minutes on his first serve, anothed 20 on his second... 20 minutes back hand... 20 minutes forehand. Twenty minutes righthand tramline corner... 20 minutes left-and tramline corner...

We went back, me, him and his new young wife, Mariana, to fruit juice with room service... he lay on

his bed, still in his tracksuit, minutely examining the give or tension of his racquets. picking at them or plonking at the meat with the heel of his hand. Would he win Wimbledon again? "My game is good. I am pleased," he said as if he was talking about someone

What was the secret? "I suppose because I always manage to win the big points. I win points when it matters, I think."

Honestly, I could not think of anything else to say. My "day" with the champ had lasted two hours and 10 minutes and I made my excuses and left. At his bedside as well as tennis racquets in a pile were a number of American horror comics. And the bathroom was untidily full of bottles and potions. One was advertised to rid the

owner of "schoolboy's spots."
Now the double-edged quality
that set him apart on the court is. on his own admission, blunted. The desire has gone and the discipline has gone. Practice, repeat practice, repeat practice, the thirst for hard labour is quenched.

At 26 the 10-year stretch is over. On Saturday he prayed for gui-dance at a Buddhist temple in Bangkok. He says the gods rel-eased him, hut in fact I bet it was some passing, throwaway omen of the east that convinced him the time to go was now. He has always been very very superstitious and marriage to the Romanian, Mar-

iana, has surely fostered it. In fact the whole Borg family are superstitious. When he was winning his 1979 Wimbledon title his mother. Margarethe, was sucking a boiled sweet in the stand. which she always did whenever she watched-a final set. Borg reached triple match point, but when Tanner rallied to deuce Mum spat out the sweet on to the grimy floor. She knew she had to pick it up and pop it back into her mouth immediately. Borg won.

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# Clash between marathon giant set for April

AUCKLAND (R) — The first approved the race, scheduled for clash between the world's two fas- April 17. test marathon runners. Alberto Salazar of the United States and Australian Robert de Castella. is expected to take place here in April, New Zealand sports promoter Ian Gamble said Friday.

He told reporters that he was confident of finding enough spo-nsorship money for the race, which was to have been held in Queensland, Australia, until the promoters there failed to find sponsors.

The New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association has already

Salazar set a world-best time for the 26 miles, 385 yards of two hours, eight minutes, 13 seconds when he won the New York man athon in 1981. De Castella ife Commonwealth champion, rae five seconds slower when he won the Fukuoaka marathon in Japan

Gamble said other competition included Britain's Hugh Jones and Bernie Ford and top-ranked New Zealanders Rod Dixon. Kevin Ryan and Ian Ballinger.

### **India-Pakistan 5th** test abandoned as draw

LAHORE, Pakistan (R) - The fifth cricket test between Pakistan and India was abandoned as a draw here Friday when rain washed out play on the fifth and final day.

Thursday was also a complete washout with India 235 for three in

their first innings in reply to Pakistan's 323 all out. The match was called off Friday after continuous overnight rain had left the Gaddafi stadium ground under pools of water.

Both teams now travel to Karachi where the sixth and final tes

begins on Sunday. Pakistan have an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the series after winnin

the second test at Karachi by an innings and 83 runs, the third at Faisalabad by 10 wickets and the fourth at Hyderabad by an innings

The first test, played here, was also a rain-interrupted draw,

# **Rohrl wins Monte Rally**

MONTE CARLO (R) — West last year-he joined the Italian German Walter Rohrl completed team after clinching the world a comfortable Monte Carlo Rally crown-registered his first Monte

The 35-year-old Bavarian, who went on to claim his second world title after winning the alpine classic last year, finished the seven-day test almost seven minutes iest victory. I had no problem whaclear of his team mate Markku Alen of Finland.

It was the first major success for the Lancia rally which made its international debut less than a year ago. A triumph which became all too predictable once Robit had left the Audi Quattro of initial pacesetter Stig Blomovist of Sweden trailing in unseasonably mild weather which created almost ideal road conditions.

Blomqvist, missing the advantage of four-wheel drive on snow, eventually finished over 11 minutes adrift of Rohd, but in spite of his inexperience with the car he outshone team mate and pre-rally favourite Hannu Mikkola of Finland, who had to settle for fourth place.

Robri, first in an Opel Ascona

victory in his works Lancia Friday. success in a Fiat Abarth in 1980. He also won the world drivers title on that occasion.

Rohrl said: "It was a dream tsoever with the car or with the

After winning nine of the 14 timed stages on the second leg. Rohrl wisely eased up on the final overnight section, held on the twisting roads above the principality. His teammate Jean-Claude

Andruet of France did not miss the opportunity to shine in front of partisan crowds. He put the 295 brake horsepower Lancia through its paces and won six of the 10 speed trials for eighth place ove-

The Italian manufacturers' celebrations were completed as Frenchman Francis Serpaggi finished ninth, leaving four Lancias in the

top 10. Former world champion Ari Vatanen of Finland and 1981 Monte winner Jean Ragnotti of France were never in contention for overall honours, finishing fifth and seventh in a works Opel Ascona and factory Renault 5 Turbo

respectively. The women's cup went to Bri tain's Louise Aitken, 50th overall in an Alfasud Ti. The feat was last achieved by a British driver over 10 years ago when Pat Moss Carisson won the award for an eighth

and last time. Mikkola was not disappointed by his performance. "I was quite pleased to finish. Under such weatther conditions, it was impossible to fare better because although very powerful (around 340 horse

power) - the Audi is still a big car, he said. "The Lancias' victory here isn't a surprise," he added.

Patrick Landon, head of the Renault sport rally team, echoed Mikkola's words when he said that the Lancia belonged to a new generation of tailor-made rally cars but that it would not stand alone

for long. Renault, Ford, Missubishi and Peugeot all have race-car concept rally cars in the pipeline.



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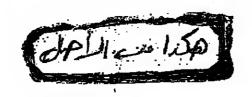
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**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

TOKYO (R) — Japan's inflation rate last year was 2.7 per cent, the lowest since 1959, the prime minister's office said Friday. This

compares with a rate of 3.9 per cent the U.S., 5.4 per cent in the

U.K., 4.6 per cent in West Germany and 16.3 per cent in Italy. In

December prices were still falling in Japan. The consumer price

index at the end of the month was 0.2 per cent lower than Nov-

PANAMA CITY (R) — The board of directors of the Panama Canal Commission Thursday unanimously approved a 9.8 per

cent increase in Panama Canal tolks. A statement issued by the

nine-member board said the fee increase would serve to com-

pensate in part losses suffered by a reduction in the transit of oil

tankers from Alaska because of a Pacific-Atlantic pipeline now in

DETROIT (R) — General Motors (GM) and Chrysler Thursday announced plans to recall thousands of laid-off car workers as projected higher car sales indicated the industry may be recovering from recession. GM, the largest U.S. car manufacturer, said it would call 21,400 nf its 168,000 laid-off employees back to

work at plants around the country within three months. Chrysler, the third largest, said it would rehire 1,100 workers and up to 400 clerical and administrative employees.

BUENOS AIRES (R) - Argentina's military government has

ordered pay rises of up to 37.5 per cent for the first quarter of this

year to compensate for an annual inflation rate of 209 per cent.

WASHING FON (R) — The International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank affiliate which makes interest-

free loans to the world's poorest countries, may have to start

borrowing to supplement grants from donor countries. IDA off-

icials said Thursday. The current worldwide recession has made

IDA financing difficult because requests for its help are increasing

at the same time as wealthy states are reviewing their grants to it.

LONDON (R) — Britain's export earnings hit a record high in December but over the whole of last year the country's balance of

payments surplus fell, according to estimates issued by the trade ministry Thursday. The figures also showed that, without North Sea oil. Britain's balance of payments would only just be in the black. The ministry estimated that in 1982 the trade surplus was £2.17 billion (\$3.34 billion) compared with a £2.98 billion (\$4.58 billion) strongs in 1981

BRUSSELS (R) - Spain said Friday it was pleased with a Frenc

proposal that the European Community hold paralled talks with

other Mediterranean countries on how they would be affected by

French proposal pleases Spain

Argentina orders 37% pay rises

IDA may start borrowing

U.K. payments surplus falls

GM, Chrysler to recall workers

Officials up Panama Canal tolls

# ECONOMY

# U.S. adopts aggressive stance on trade issues

preaching a doctrine of free trade and open markets, the Reagan administration is adopting an agg-ressive stance on trade issues in the face of what it sees as unfair competition from abroad.

Administration officials say that while they favour trade without barriers, the U.S. cannot tolerate trade deficits anywhere near last year's record \$42.7 billion.

In recent weeks, the administration has threatened cutprice sales of large amounts of surplus food, amassed in the past two years because of bumper crops, unless the Common Market halts its subsidies of grain exports. Washington this month sold

Egypt one million tonnes of surplus flour worth an estimated \$150 million in what officials said was retaliation against the European Community's export subsidies.

And the government's International Irade Commission recently recommended to President Reagan that he raises from 4 to 49 per cent the import tariff

months at £8,030.

pence an ounce (\$13.75).

advanced strongly.

market, they said.

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Metal prices rise

for over a year and a half and tin for nearly a year.

which would increase industrial demand for metals.

LONDON (R) - Metal prices on the London markets rose Friday to

their highest levels for many months on speculative hopes that the

long-awaited recovery of the American economy is at hand, traders

Strong demand for aluminium drove the market price up by £10 a

Dealers said that it had been expected that aluminium prices would

And Thursday night's announcement by two major U.S. car pro-

ducers. General Motors and Chrysler, that they are recalling tho-

usands of laid-off workers because of the improved outlook for car

sales, had given a boost to metal prices generally, they noted.

Copper prices rose £5.50 a tonne to £1,073, their best level since

June 1981, while tin advanced £80 a tonne to its highest point for 11

But the sources said that the netal buying remained highly speculative, based on expectations of a rise in commercial demand rather than on any signs that industry had already begun to increase

Prices in London have also been buoyed by the continuing weakness of sterling against the dollar and this outweighed a slight fall in the gold price Friday as a factor in the market, dealers said.

Despite the dip in gold's value to \$493 an ounce from Thursday's

Prices on some of the so-called "soft" commodity markets also

Cocoa prices jumped around £17 a tonne from Thursday to

£1.262, their highest since October 1981.
Dealers attributed the strength of the cocoa market to the fact that

the first time for several years demand in 1983 is likely to outrip

£1.733, partly reflecting the success of the international coffee agr-

eement in reducing amount of the commodity reaching the world

The price of coffee for future delivery rose around £20 a tonne to

By Harris

close at \$495, silver prices reached a 27-month high Friday of 893

tonne to a 32-month high at £759, while copper was at its strongest

be among the first to respond to any upturn in economic activity

The Milwaukee, Wisconsin. firm sought help because Japanese manufacturers such as Honda, Yamaha and Suzuki have captured 94 per cent of the \$4.5 bil-

lion a year U.S. market. The recommendation gives President Reagan a weapon to use in dealing with Japan, which accounted for over 40 per cent of the U.S. trade deficit last year.

In his state of the union address, Mr. Reagan said he would pursue an aggressive export policy to open doors now closed to American goods, a major part of his plan to revive the economy. U.S. Secretary of State George

Shultz and special trade representative Bill Brock are both heading for Tokyo soon to follow up Japanese Prime Minister Yasubiro Nakasone's visit earlier this month to Washington during which U.S. officials urged him to be more accommodating to U.S.

Mr. Brock told reporters after Mr. Nakasone left that "this may be the most difficult year in two on notorcycles to protect the lone decades to fight protectionism."

resisting legislation pending in Congress that would require a substantial percentage of the parts

They have been pressing Japan
used in cars sold in the U.S. to be
to accept more U.S. circus fruit manufactured here, a move designed primarily to thwart Jap- tensions. anese car producers who sell one

in five cars bought by Americans. The grim recession that has idled over 12 million workers in America, or 10.8 per cent of the workforce, has pushed trade issues to the forefront and put politicians bere in a combative mood to win equal treatment abroad for U.S. exports.

Japan provided the most visible evidence that the U.S. was paying a punitive price for its open-door trade policy. While the American market

was flooded with Japanese goods from cars to television sets. Tokyo kept its barriers raised against

products from overseas including many farm products, according to U.S. officials.

They have been pressing Japan and beef as a way of easing trade

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) has a system for reviewing such com-plaints but U.S. officials believe the structure is cumbersome and should be streamlined.

At a recent ministerial meeting of the Geneva-based GATT - the first in nine years - many of these issues were discussed and it was agreed to explore them further in the months ahead.

Although unhappy at the mee-ting's failure to reach any concrete decisions, U.S. officials think it served as an impetus for getting debate moving on some trade

#### LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Equities were below the day's best levels in active trading on the sharp Wall Street gains Thursday night. dealers said. Some new time buying was noted, they added.
Oils were firmer with B.P. and Shell up 4p at 316 and 410

respectively while leading industrials were mostly 2p to 4p higher but ICI jumped 32p at 402 on strong U.S. buying interest. The F. Γ. index at 1500 Friday was up 5.3 at 616.9. Government bonds were quietly firmer on the steadier level of

dealers said. Golds were mostly lower but North Americans were higher. London brick was up 11/2 at 128 and Rediand up 3p at 238 after their respective takeover bids for Ibstock Johnsen were referred

sterling with gains extending to 'a point in longer dated issues.

to the Monopolies Commission. Ibstock fell op to 96.

Broken Hill fell 1op at 328 after agreeing to pay Genéral Electric \$2.40 billion cash for the Utah group of companies. John Brown rose 1p to 20 despite reporting pretax losses. In firm banks Barclays and Lloyds were up 13p at 418 and 433 respectively while life insurances finished off the highs.

Aberthaw fell 8p at 590 on further consideration of the merger agreement with Blue Circle, which advanced 2p at 423.

# LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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# China to expand foreign ties

Spanish membership in the Common Market.

billion) surplus in 1981.

JAVOS. Switzerland (R) — China will expand economic cooperation with foreign countries in the next five years to modernise its industrial technology, a Chinese official said Friday. Vir. via Yi, vice-chairman of the State Economic Commission, told a press conference that China would import 3.000 items of new technology during this period to re-equip its small and medium-size

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for

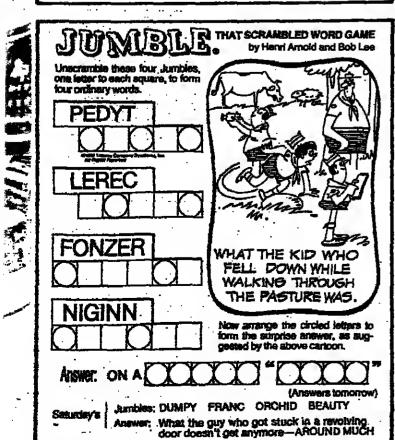
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#### Japan records 2.7% inflation rate

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 29, 1983

# YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today's new aspects can bring you all sorts of opportunities, so be alert at all times. Make sure that you understand with clarity just what others are expecting of you now.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Find out how you stand with others and do whatever is needed to improve relations. Strive for increased happiness

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make new acquaintances who can help to enrich your life in many ways. Attend 2 group meeting that is worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Allow time to engage in favorite hohby with congenials,

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take part in new activities that are fine for you but first know all the facts concerning them. Think constructively. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Loved one may have a change

of attitude, so go along with new ideas for best results. Take it easy tonight and express happiness.

VIRGO (Ang. 22 to Sept. 22) Show more interest in civic affairs and gain the respect of others. Make this a

most worthwhile and productive day. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Improve your environment so that it is more inspiring and brings you greater com-

fort. Come to a better understanding with mate. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Listen to what a good friend has to suggest for greater pleasure ahead. Taka

health treatments and improva your appearance. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get rid of whatever is causing disharmony at home and be happier in the future. Put your talents to work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Ba sure to study a new project well before you put it in operation. Don't take any risks that could prove costly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Fab. 19) Make long-range plans that could give you added income in the future. Come to a better understanding with family members.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You are likely to be upset about matters you can't change, so concentrate on whataver brings you inner peace.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she we: be one who can understand both aides of a situation, so teach to stand up for what is right and success and happiness will follow. Be sure to give ethical and religious training early in life.

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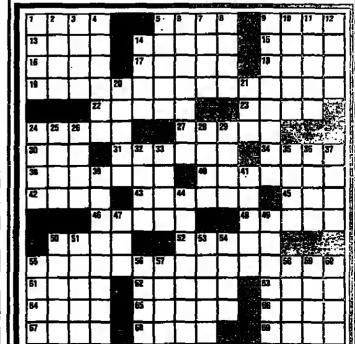
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# Nuclear disarmament talks Italy ends controversial 'pentiti' law from today enter decisive stage in '83

GENEVA (R) — With a new round of missile talks under way, American and Soviet negotiators are now embarked on what could be a make-or-break year for disarmament.

U.S. officials were analysing the nuances of the latest Soviet position as staked out when 14-month discussions on European-based ncdium-range nuclear missiles resumed Thursday after a two-month

They said there would be no public comment until U.S. Vice President George Bush comes to Geneva late next week on a 12-day tour during which he will gauge how European governments stand in the current arms control debate.

Separate U.S.-Soviet negotiations on limiting strategic intercontinental missiles begin here next Wednesday

In the European missile talks, U.S. chief negotiator Paul Nitze and Soviet delegation leader Yuli Kvitsinsky will meet again on Tuesday. with NATO diplomats convinced a serious effort to probe for a compromise is now in progress on both sides.

This year is critical in an arms control process that has been going on intermittently between the U.S. and the Soviet Union and their NATO and Warsaw Pact allies since the first strategic arms talks

The NATO alliance has said it will begin basing the first of 572 U.S. nedium-range nissiles in five West European countries by next December unless agreement is reached in Geneva on mutual limits. The new American weapons are planned to counter Soviet iripple-warhead SS-20 missiles that have been targeted against West European cities since 1977. The U.S. says there are now 333 SS-20s.

about 240 based in the European U.S.S.R. How the missile negotiations are handled could have major implications for NA IO unity, for East-West relations and for the outcome of general elections in West Germanyon March 6. The planned U.S. missiles are a top issue in the German polls.

NA TO planners believe the chances of NA TO going ahead with its full missile deployment programme may be seriously reduced if conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl is defeated by Social Democratic contender Hans-Jochen Vogel.

With the election outcome a paramount concern, West German and other NA IO leaders have urged the Reagan administration to show maximum flexibility in Geneva and to consider a compromise formula that would leave some missiles on both sides.

This would mean sidetracking Mr. Reagan's favoured "zero option" solution, under which all U.S. and Soviet medium-range missiles would be barred from Europe.
The zero option, still the only official U.S. bargaining position, has

been rejected by Moscow and is regarded by many NATO allies as unattainable in present circumstances.

After initial hesitations by the Reagan administration, some of the most intensive negotiations, since World War II, covering both nuclear and conventional weapons, will be continuing in full swing over the next two to three months.

East-West talks on ground forces in Central Europe resumed in Vienna Thursday, and a 40-nation disarmament committee begins a new round in Geneva on Tuesday. Thirty five governments continue a marathon European security

conference in vladrid on Feb. 8.

The Soviet Union has proposed that the Vienna neeting should consider creation of a Central European zone free of battle-field nuclear weapons, those less than medium-range,

plan to rid Europe of all medium-

moral position", Mr. Bush told a

press conference when he ann-

ounced plans to meet Soviet and

U.S. arms negotiators in Geneva

But Mr. Bush said he would

offer no new proposals during his

seven-nation European tour, an

announcement certain to dis-

appoint some West European lea-

ders hoping to see some revised

U.S. suggestions for a so-called

joint interim reduction of nuclear

committed to President Reagan's

zero option solution for eli-

medium-range missiles in Europe.

He said he was confident Eur-opean allies would support the

Reagan plan and dismissed sug-

gestions that his tour starting on

Sunday would be a disaster if he

his European tour as a negotiating

mission but as an opportunity to

consult U.S. allies on the Geneva

Intermediate-range Nuclear

Force (INF) talks. The talks res-

Mr. Bush said he did not regard

did not offer alternatives.

minating all U.S. and Soviet

Mr. Bush said he was staunchly

The U.S. plan was "the only

range nuclear weapons.

# NA 10 finds latest Soviet offer unacceptable

BRUSSELS (R) — NATO officials have said a Soviet call to ban ponse, they said, NATO's doctrine, the core of its all battlefield nuclear weapons from a wide strip in Central Europe was unlikely to be acceptable to the West.

The officials stressed they wanted a chance to study the text of the proposal more carefully, but said, at first sight, a ban was unlikely to prove acceptable to the West as long as the Communist Warsaw Pact enjoyed a big superiority in conventional arms over

√ .JO would be ready at some stage to discuss a curb on shortrange nuclear weapons but their total elimination from a crucial area would go against the Western

deterrence policy aimed at keeping a potential aggressor guessing at the level of likely response, is that the West could use nuclear weapons first even in the case of a conventional attack from the East,

However, many NA (O officials and diplomats think that the alliance could get rid of up to one third of its 6,000 nuclear warheads stockpiled in Europe, preferably though negotiations with the Sov-

iet Union or the Warsaw Pact. The Soviet proposal, carried by the official TASS news agency.

seemed more a suggestion than a formal offer, diplomats noted. alliance's doctrine of flexible res- . It must be seen in the context of

#### France adopts jail reforms PARIS (R) - After more than a week of tur noil in prisons across

the country. France Friday adopted the first of a series of jail reforms proposed by Justice Minister Robert Badinter, government officials Among the measures published by the official government journal

were the right of most prisoners to wear their own clothing, to correspond by letter or telephone with their families and to neet visitors in rooms without a partition. In nates calling for in nediate implementation of the reforms, which were pro nised by vir. Badinier last .nonth, staged unruly

de nonstrations on top of prison roofs in viarseilles, Nines, vice and Beauvais in nu nerous separate incidents in recent days The protests, nainty timed to coincide with weekend visiting hours, were sparked by a collective wrist-stashing incident at the ultra- nn tem Fieury- Terogis prison outside Paris on Jan. 15 which

arew public attention to the pro nises of refor n. so turdier de nonstrations have been reported since last Monday. when justice ministry officials warned that the reforms could not be imple nemel a nill disorder.

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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DEAR MR. GOREN Q.-North opened the bid-

ding fourth hand with one no trump. This was passed round to my partner, who balanced with a double. I ONE THE ORRE SINKE

I bid two clubs and my portner bid two spades. The hand was a disaster. My partner said she took my bid as being the Stayman Convention, and that I should have rebid three clubs. I maintained that Stayman does not apply after an opposing no trump opening bid. We woold appreciate your opinion. - Clare Leroux, Cincinnati, Ohin

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.) A. - You seem to play io a strange game. Let's be kind and give North an absolute maximum for his on trump opening bid. i.e. 18 points. Now let's presume that your partner, who passed originally, had an absolute maximum nf 12 poiets. Add to that your I point and you still come up with nnly 31. What was South doing passing his partner'a no trump opening when he held at least 9 points?

Next, your partner was courting disaster when she stepped into the auction. Since she did not hid a suit, we must suppose that her hand was reasonably balanced. She and North between them held at least 28 points. If we aplit the remainder of the points between you and Snuth, your side would still

be outgunned 22-18. It is asking for trouble to try to make eight tricks under those circumstances. It seems to me that a pass would have been

more circumspect. Last, you are right. In the situatinn yon describe, the Stayman Convention does not apply. Your bid of two clubs simply showed a long club auit aed a hand not good ennugh to play for penalties against nne on trump

Q .- In your books, I find that, in rubber bridge, the deal passes to the player on the dealer's left if a hand is passed out. However, I have often been taken to task at my bridge club for suggest-ing this. They maintain that the same player must redeal, rather than the hand be scored as a zero and we get on to the next hand. - L.S., Buffalo, N.Y.

A .- I can only preaume that. at your bridge club, you are playing either Chicagn Bridge or that each round consists of aix deals. In that event, a redeal is correct.

Q.-I have a feeling that playing Chicago Bridge produces higher total scores over a period than does straight rubber bridge. Has anyone ever attempted to evaluate this difference? - G. E. Eberhart, Cincinnati, Ohio A .- Not statistically, as far as I know. However, experts at this form of the game assure me that the scores run 20 percent to 25 percent higher, and my nwn experience would tend to bear this

other recent initiatives by vloscow aimed at influencing Western pub-

lic opinion and the result of gen-

eral elections in West Germany on

March 6, they said. West Germany declined to give an early reaction to the Soviet offer but diplomatic sources in Bonn said the government would almost certainly turn it down.

The Soviet plan would embrace virtually the whole of the two German states inside the nuclear-The sources said the latest move

could be a sign that the Soviet Union feels the effects of its previous disarmament offers on the election campaign have been 100 easily countered by the centreright government.

They say the opposition Social Democrats, who have urged greater Western flexibility to the Soviet offer of cuts in medium-range nuclear missiles and made the issue the main plank in their election platform, may be tempted by the nuclear-free zone idea.

#### Bush's European tour

WASHING FON (R) — Vice-President George Bush, declaring the U.S. was standing firm in arms talks with the Soviet Union, made, umed Thursday but were almost fall in behind President Reagan's week.

### Nurses describe Groucho's life

LOS ANGÉLES (R) — Nurses to the late Groucho viarx said the co.nedian's companion Erin Fleming would frequently give him tranquilisers, push and scream at

"I observed the abusive treaunent of a little old man by viiss Fleining. She was the boss and was in complete control of him," one of the nurses. Jean Funari, said.

Evidence was given at a hearing before a Los Angeles superior court in which the Bank of A.nerica, administrator of viarx's estate, is string 42-year-old viss Fleining for \$1.68 million.

The bank alleges viss Fleining. an actress, obtained 5400,000, two hones, a viercedes Benz car and syndication rights to Marx's television shows by exerting undue influence over him.

vlarx, a star with his brothers in such classic contedy films as "A

Dayat the Races" and "A Night at the Opera." died five years ago at the age of 86.

Another nurse, Terrie vicCord, said viss Fleming, who was viarx's companion for the final seven years of his life, would frequently give him tranquilisers. often against his will and against the wishes of his doctor.

viss viccord said if she objected on the grounds the doctor had forbidden more medication. liss Fleming would reply: If you don't like it. I'll fire you both."

A third nurse, Barbara Bruner, said viss Fleming tried to suggest vlarx was becoming senile and set up psychiatric appointments for

"As time went on, he just resigned himself to it, saying I guess she's right, she's always right'."

ROME (R)—A controversial Ita-lian law which played a big role in the recent crackdown on Red Brigades guerrillas by encouraging them to become informers will cease to be valid from Saturday, a justice ministry spokesman said Friday.

He said the government would not prolong the so-called "pennii" (repentants) law under which members of the leftist brigades who confessed or gave tip-offs to the authorities were granted lighier sentences.

" There is now a feeling that the law has served its purpose and the . Brigades are no longer a sufficiently serious threat to warrant it," the spokesman said.

The measure, attacked by several leading magistrates as unc-onstitutional but hailed by the police as vital to their assault on the Brigades, was first put forward by the government in 1980 and off-icially enacted in vlay 1982.

It is a year since U.S. Gen. laines Dozier was freed from a Red Brigades "people's prison" in the first rescue of one of their hostages. A wave of arrests followed and the guerrilla group has not mounted a major operation

SAN SALVADOR (R) - Leftist

guerrillas have offered to exc-

hange El Salvador's deputy def-

ence minister, their prisoner since

last June, for seven of their com-

rades said to have been arrested in

Honduras and handed over to Sal-

The offer to swap the minister,

Francisco Adolfo Castillo, was

made over the guerrillas' bro-

adcasting station Radio Ven-

last June when insurgents shot

down his helicopter, spoke over

the radio last year when he said he

was being well treated by his cap-

The guerrillas meanwhile ste-

pped up their military operations.

in particular their campaign to dis-

rupt El Salvador's internal tra-

A military spokesman said they

blew up a railway bridge over the

Mr. Castillo, who was captured

vadorean authorities.

ceremos.

'Struggle is over'

Thursday, the leftist newspaper La Republica published documents sent from prison by the founders of the 15-year-old Red Brigades in which they said the armed struggle against the state

Officials said the law, whose validity was last extended in September, had played acentrai role in the state's successes against the Brigades both by promoting vital confessions and by provoking sharp divisions within

The ministry spokesman said that, in all, 389 leftist guerrillas from the brigades and the allied "Prima Linea" (Front Line) group had made use of the pentiti law.

Of these, 78 actively and con-tinuously collaborated with the police, 134 confessed to their crimes and gave some information about them and 177 formally renounced the brigades' actions.

Among the leading collaborators was Roberto Sandajo, a former Prima Linea leader who has already been freed. Others included Patrizio Peci, a leading Red Brigade member, and Anionio Savasta, an architect of the

Salvadorean guerrillas come up with

plan to swap high-ranking prisoners

Lempa River, cutting the only rail

link to the eastern provinces, and

The spokesman said insurgents

also attacked a suburb of the cap-

ital and military targets in the sec-

ond city of Santa Ana, apparently

part of their campaign to draw

away government troops poised to attack their strongholds in eastern

The guerrillas say they have pinned down about 6,000 elite

U.S.-trained troops attempting to retake a string of rebel-held towns

and villages in Morazan which

least three guerrillas were killed in

the northern suburb of Mejicanos.

He said fighting lasted for about

two hours before insurgents wit-

hdrew under cover of darkness.

Three other guerrillas were

reported killed when rebel groups Honduras.

A military spokesman said at

Morazan province.

border Honduras.

4 of Ben Bella's men held at Paris airport

stretch of road in the north.

#### Police upset Camorra plan for retaliation

NAPLES, Italy (R) - I wo gunmen planning retalization against shopkeepers striking in protest at protection rackets run by the Camorra, the Naples mafia, were among 17 people arrested here Thursday, police said.

As most of the 100,000 small businesses in the Naples area stayed closed for the second day, flying squad units pounced on two heavily armed men preparing a 'summit neeting' with gang chiefs in a slum hideout near the old

Police said 17 suspected gangland figures were taken into custody and arms were seized.

But a caller to the Naples office of the Italian news agency A NSA nade it clear that organised crime n Naples would not be deterred by the shopkeepers' strike.

vlost of the rackets are do ninated by either the "new org-anised Camorra" of Jon Raffaele Cutolo or the "new fa.niiy" gang. On a .nore sinister note, the catler added that the strike had been nost helpful in identifying what he called "new .narkets to develop."

launched coordinated attacks aga-

inst military outposts in Santa

Military officials said more gue-

rrilla attacks were expected in the

coming days, "We don't know

when or where they will hit but

we're preparing for them," they

Rebels accuse Honduras

SANSALVADOR (R) - Leftist

guerrillas have accused Honduras

of sending soldiers and two war-

planes to help 6.000) Salvadorean

army troops fighting insurgents in

the northeastern vlorazan pro-

troops fro.n the Honduran mar-

cala battalion crossed into El Sal-

vador Thursday. It added the pla-

nes had attacked guerrilla pos-

itions in Morazan which borders

nation a "vast political operation

Radio Venceremos, said the

took control of a 211-kito netre. Ana. No government casualties

added.

were reported.

# Marcos shocked by

uncensored films

said.

NEWS

BRIEF

ROME (R) — Italian President Sandro Pertini, a World War II 3

resistance hero, has heard for the

first time how his elder brother

was killed by a Nazi officer on a

concentration camp march. The

86-year-old Socialist head of state

had an emotional telephone con-

vesation with a north Italian car-

penter who said he was on the

same force march as the pre-

sident's brother Eugenio 411 years

ago. Martino Longhi told the Milan newspaper Corriere della

Sera he saw Eugenio collapse

from exhaustion by a roadside on a force march from Flossenburg.

A young German officer walked

up and calmly shot him dead in

front of the other prisoners, he

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Italian president

missing brother

hears about

VIANILA (R) — Uncensored fil ns. so ne with explicit sex seenes, have gone on view in Janua cine has as part of a fil n festival. pro npting criticis.n fro n the country's leading church man and exp ressions of concern fro n the president. President Ferdinand darcos was looking into reports that some of the films to be shown in the 12-day festival which began last vlonday were originally banned or cut by local censors, a presidential spokes nansaid. The Philippine leader, whose wife I neida is the prime mover behind the festival which is in ail tof the disabled. was reacting to reports that at least one "pomographic and violeni" fil n which had been banned would now be shown in eine nas. and that three others had had cuts

#### Pakistani students turn against music

restored.

KARACHI (R) — A Pakistani Islamic students organisation said in pamphlets distributed here that it was launching a campaign to destroy all musical instruments as they were considered unislamic. The right-wing Islami Jamiaie-Tulba (Islamic Students Organisation) also vowed to disrupt musical functions and demanded the immediate return home of a Soviet cultural troupe now visiting Pakistan. A group of young people ransacked the office of a big hotel here recently after if refused to cancel a musical programme. A musical programme by students of a local medical college in another hotel was held under a heavy police guard. In the first stage, the pamphlet said, the organisation planned destroy musical instruments used in hotels and educational institutions. The campaign would later be extended to include video cassette recorders. and music houses.

#### PARIS (R) - Four bodyguards of France in 1980 after 15 years det- French prison, said he was the vic-

Ahmed Ben Bella were being held at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport Friday until a country willing to accept them could be found after their expulsion from France, police sources said.

Airport officials said Switzerland had refused to admit the four, who were ordered to leave the country Thursday.

The four, who include former Algerian security police chief Mohamed Yadi, were taken to Charles de Gaulle airport after an examining magistrate ordered their expulsion following two days of questioning, they said.

The men had been detained after l'uesday's raid on Mr. Ben Bella's house in a Paris suburb, in which police said they had found a machine gun and other heavy weapons.

Yussef Hachem, a bodyguard of Mr. Ben Bella, was still being questioned in connection with a local armed robbery committed in 1981, police said.

Mr. Ben Bella, who came to

iers. Is on a visit to Switzerland, where he accused the aimed at expelling him from Fra-French government of staging the raid as a way of driving him out of the country.

French press sceptical

PARIS (R) - French newspapers have suggested that a police raid on the Paris home of former Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella could have been aimed at ridding the government of a man whose presence in France has become an embarrassment.

The latest chapter in an affair which has haunted France since the mid 1950s opened on Fuesday night when police raided a villa in the northern suburb of Montmorency, rented by Mr. Ben

The former revolutionary, who came to France in 1981 after 15 years' detention in Algiers, is currendy in Switzerland.

Bella for the past year.

In statements to the French media from Switzerland, Mr. Ben Bella, who once spent six years in a

He said the government had decided to get rid of him under

nce by the back door.

pressure from Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, who has established close relations with the administration of President Francois Vitterrand. Since arriving in France in Oct. 1980. Ar. Ben Belia has been

warned several times by the external relations and interior ministries to tone down his political

As well as appearing at dem-onstrations against the Algerian government and Soviet activities in Afghanistan and Poland, the former president has been active in promoting the Fundamentalist Islamic cause.

In their commentaries, both right-and left-wing newspapers said the decision to raid Mr. Ben Bella's house could not have been taken without government aus-

#### U.S. judge rejects Irish brothers' idea

VEW YORK (R) - A fedérál judge has rejected an application from two Irish brothers that they be allowed to plead not guilty by reason of insanity to charges of attempting to buy guns and nis-siles for the Irish Republican Army (IRA). Judge Charles Sifton said the application fron Col n'and Ea non lechan, 3n and 46 respectively, was in fact an appeal for a lengthy adjourn nent of their case, which is scheduled for trial next month. He also said the court papers presented by their lawyer offered only a "Jingnostic possibility" that the two had been driven isane during their internment in Long Nesh prison in Northern Ireland in the early 1970s. The judge said: "how that nental condition night legally exculpate the Jefendants fro n the crimes they are accused of is not even addressed in the defendants court papers." . .

# Shultz to visit China in bid to warm up increasingly cold ties

By Roger Crabb

PEKING (R) - U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz comes to China cext week aiming to put Sino-American relations back on course after two years of squalls over President Reagan's Taiwan policy and more recently over

Mr. Shultz, who arrives on Feb. 2 for a four-day visit, seems certain to face close questioning and plain speaking on these two issues from Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xuegian. For his part, Mr. Shultz will be

anxious to discuss Peking's ten-

tative steps towards improving its

long-frigid relations with Moscow, diplomatic sources in Peking said. The two men were also expected to hold lengthy discussions on economic cooperation and trade. Trade between their countries topped the \$5-billion mark last year and Western diplomats think it will stay at roughly

the same level in 1983. Among key international issues ily go sour," to be reviewed are the continuing Soviet military presence in Alghanistan, the future of Karnpuchea and prospects for arms limitation talks.

The visit will be Mr. Shultz's first to China as secretary of state. His programme provides for the minimum of sightseeing and the maximum of talking, both with Mr. Wu and other leaders.

Textile issue

Diplomatic sources said China would clearly seize the opportunity to discuss the row which broke out earlier this month over Chinese textile exports to the United States.

After negotiations on new quota levels collapsed, the Reagan dministration imposed unilateral curbs on Chinese clothing and Peking retaliated by banning purchases of cotton, soyabeans and man-made fibres.

"It's a phoney war for the present," one Peking diplomat said. "The U.S. textile restrictions are unlikely to have any effect at all on the Chinese for five to six months, while China appears to have chosen the least barmful way to hit back. But the situation could eas-

A senior State Department official in Washington said Mr. Shultz was prepared to discuss the dispute but would not go any negotiating.

The textile issue is just one of several problems between the two countries which have taken on great political importance in the climate of mutual suspicion created by the row over Taiwan. At one stage last year China

threatened to downgrade ties with

Washington unless it halted arms

deliveries to the Nationalist-ruled island over which Peking claims soverignty. After 10 months of hard diplomatic bargaining, a subtle compromise was reached under which China stated its intention of seeking peaceful reunification with

Taiwan and the United States,

noting this, said it planned gradually to reduce its arms sales. The Aug. 17 joint communique was an extremely painful compromise for the people on both sides," one Western diplomat in Peking said, "It showed the importance both sides attach

to their relationship." Despite the paper agreement on Taiwan, suspicions remained and both sides expressed disappointment at failure to resolve lesser problems which piled up during the months of wrangling.

Climate of confidence Diplomatic sources said the main aim of the Shultz visit was a "process of reacquaintance" to create a climate of confidence for lower level officials to settle the smaller problems.

"I would be very surprised if something of a concrete nature came out of the visit," one Peking Former U.S. Assistant Sec-

retary of State John Holdridge said in a speech last mouth that Mr. Shultz's trip should help to renew progress in the Sino-American relationship and he expressed confidence that the two countries could return to "an active, serious, constructive and statesmanlike dialogue."

On Peking's relations with Moscow, U.S. officials in Washington privately questioned how far the two Communist powers could go in resolving the deep differences which have separated them for two decades.

The vice foreign ministers of the two sides started talks in October aimed at "removing obstacles to friendship," but not date has been set for their resumption.

China had denied it was playing its "Russian card" to spite President Reagan. "The improvement of Sino-Soviet relations is by no means directed against any other

Rapprochement far away

Diplomatic sources in Peking said that, while Washington would clearly be concerned by a geomine Sino-Soviet rapprochement, it clearly believed this was a long way off.

In the meantime, the sources said, President Reagan could only applaud the conditions Peking had set for improving ties. "It would be difficult for the United States to object to the removal of Soviet troops poised along China's border, one analyst said.

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